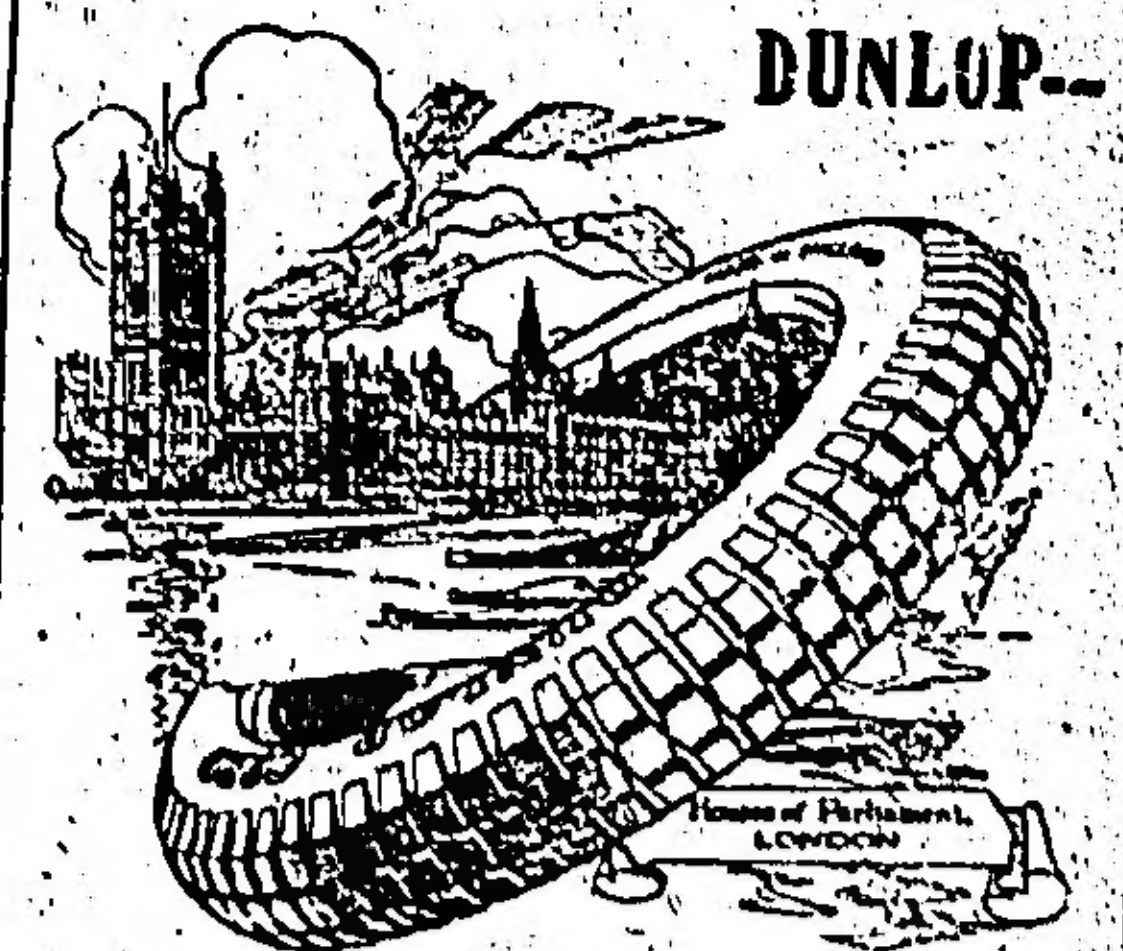


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HONGKONG AIR MAIL TO ENGLAND.

POSSIBILITY BECOMES MORE APPARENT.

EXTENSIONS OF THE CROYDON TO INDIA SERVICE.

RANGOON & SINGAPORE.

Hopes for the establishment of an air mail service between Hongkong and London, via Singapore and India, in the not too distant future, are encouraged by a statement in the House of Commons yesterday, when Mr. F. Montague introduced the Air Estimates.

The Under-Secretary for Air revealed that the England-India service of the Imperial Airways will be extended to Calcutta by the end of the present month, and to Rangoon by the autumn. The remaining section between Rangoon and Australia, taking in Singapore, would be operated as soon as possible after the route along the Burma coast is organised.

This will probably mean that Singapore will have air connexion with London in 1931, and there would seem to be every incentive, therefore, for the establishment of a service between Hongkong and Singapore. This would be the last lap of the desired England-Hongkong service.

BRITAIN'S AIR ESTIMATES.

London, Mar. 18. Introducing the Air Estimates, Mr. Frederick Montague, the Under-Secretary for Air, said the revised total of last year's Estimates was £16,960,000, allowing for a supplementary Estimate of £760,000.

This year there was an increase of £890,000 and the total was £17,850,000. The increase was due mainly to the provision of up-to-date equipment, which was essential alike for safety and efficiency in the growing needs of civil aviation, and to additional outlay on scientific research work.

During the financial year ending March 31st, five additional squadrons would have been added to the establishment of the Air Force for purposes of Home Defence.

Auxiliary Flights.

One of these was a regular squadron and the other four were organised on the cadre or auxiliary basis. It was at first intended that twenty-five per cent. of the Home defence force, should be on this non-regular basis, but at the present time the proportion was nearly thirty-three per cent.

Auxiliary squadrons did not, in their early days, require to be equipped on the same scale as the regular squadrons. They required in the first instance machines of training rather than service types. But as these squadrons reached maturity provision had to be made for equipping them with up-to-date service aircraft.

Fewer Machines.

Mr. Montague continued: "I would like to stress the moderation and unprovocative character of the British air policy and expenditure. Our Air Force is substantially exceeded in terms of first line strength by France, Italy and the United States, and the estimates which I am now introducing, show an actual reduction on the gross figures compared with the Air Estimates of five years ago, which is, in striking contrast, with the very large increases in the air expenditure of other Powers during the same period."

Greater Need.

"This, moreover, is despite the fact that our overseas requirements for garrison purposes, in the Middle-East and India, are much greater than those of other countries."

On the basis of metropolitan strengths, we have considerably less than half the Power standard as compared with our nearest neighbour.

"But the Government does not propose to be drawn into competition in air armaments. Expansion will only take place in so far as it is forced upon us by developments abroad and no other course remains open. Development of the Home Defence Air Force is proceeding slowly, on well considered

lines, whose aim is quality rather than quantity."

Palestine Trouble.

As an instance of the successful use of air power, Mr. Montague mentioned that, in Palestine, the prompt arrival of fifty soldiers by air during the recent troubles did much to prevent further serious riots.

Air-craft were also able to drive off attacks by Arabs upon isolated Jewish colonies before the arrival of ground reinforcements. Offensive action from the air was made altogether eleven times. This proved the salvation, in many instances, of otherwise defenceless communities, and there was no evidence of any innocent persons having suffered.

Mr. Montague gave other instances of signal services rendered by the Royal Air Force in dealing with rebellious tribes, and of similar work in Koweit, Iraq, Sudan and the Aden Protectorate. He said that in many cases heavy loss of life had thereby been saved.

Marvelous Engine.

Mr. Montague later pointed out that the outstanding achievement during the past year in engine progress had been the intensive development of the Rolls Royce engine used in the aircraft which won the Schneider Trophy at 328.63 miles per hour.

By normal standards, this engine should give approximately 220 h.p., but two of such engines had actually sustained an output of over 1,900 horse-power over each course.

The triumph was increased a few days later when the Commanding Officer of the High Speed Flight set up a world's record of 357.7 miles an hour upon the Supermarine Rolls-Royce aircraft.

Private Enterprise.

It has since been decided not to continue Government participation in this race. Undoubtedly useful experience had been gained from the contests in the past, and official participation was, on that account, justified, but further progress could now be made with greater economy by other means. It was felt that the widespread public interest, display would make it possible for the Royal Aero Club and the aircraft industry to organise future contests without Government assistance.

Cape Town Traffic.

The increase in the civil aviation vote was mainly due to a provision for an additional subsidy in respect of the proposed air service to South Africa.

Negotiations for the installation of a weekly service between London and Cape Town had been brought to a successful issue. (Continued on Page 6.)

MANCHURIA'S AID SOUGHT.

NANKING SENDS WU TE CHEN TO MUKDEN.

RIVAL GOVERNMENT IN PEKING CONTEMPLATED.

SHANSI WAR THREAT.

Nanking, Mar. 19. Yen Hsi-shan is out in the open, and the Central Government has been stirred into activity. It is generally considered that fighting is a matter of days, though it is notable that the Government is withdrawing all advanced troops. Immediate developments are doubtful. A great deal depends upon the efforts being made by Nanking to secure the support of General Chang Hsueh-liang.

It is learned (says Reuter) that Wu Te-chien is leaving for Manchuria immediately. He will discuss, on behalf of the Government, the present political situation with Chang Hsueh-liang.

Mukden's Influence.

The stand taken by the Manchurian leader will undoubtedly have a tremendous influence on future developments. Wu Te-chien's chief mission, of course, will be to bring about an understanding between Manchuria and the Central Government.

Meanwhile, further details are available of the events in Peking yesterday when Shansi troops took the drastic step of raiding every establishment having connexion, direct or indirect, with Nanking. The Peking office of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek was closed. The headquarters of the Kuomintang Party were closed, and officials in all the public services have been replaced by Shansi nominees.

Newspaper Suspended.

The well-known Chinese newspaper, the Peking Daily News has also come under the Shansi ban, while a Chinese news agency, alleged to be a Nationalist organisation, has been shut down and members of the staff arrested. Several Kuomintang officials and Nationalist officers have been placed under arrest.

All newspapers in Peking have been warned as to their policies. Mr. Kwan Kang-lin, the Chief Manager of the Peking-Hankow Railway, made himself "scarce" soon after he heard of the Shansi activities.

New Appointments.

Messrs. Sun Man-chu and Sun Chia-ting have been appointed by the Garrison Commander of Peking (acting under orders from Yen Hsi-shan) as Managers respectively of the telephone and telegraph administrations. There has been a change completely of officials in the Public Works and Communications Departments.

A contingent of the 43rd Shansi Division, it is reported, blew up a section of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway yesterday, at Pei Lin Chen, near Tschow, Shantung. Railway communication between Peking and Chengchow has been partly suspended, but a special express from Chengchow arrived in Peking yesterday morning.

The Peking military command is under orders from Marshal Yen Hsi-shan to seize all available rolling stock on the Peking-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow Railways for the transport of Shansi and allied forces.

New Peking Government.

Chinese telegrams state that the "Peking Government" yesterday sent representatives to the British and Japanese Legations unofficially to obtain the opinions of the foreign diplomatic authorities regarding the contemplated establishment of an anti-Nanking Government at Peking, with Marshal Yen Hsi-shan and Feng Yu-hsiang as chief administrators.

An official Shansi announcement claims that the Shansi Government is converging 100,000 men on the Peking-Hankow Railway with Hankow as their objective. The Taiyuanfu Arsenal is busy producing arms and ammunition. (Continued on Page 12.)

FILIPINO OUTRAGE IN SHANGHAI.

TWO AMERICANS ATTACKED IN CHINESE CITY.

NASTY EXPERIENCE.

Shanghai, Mar. 19. Racial animosity between Filipinos and Americans, which showed itself in California recently, and which occasioned attacks by Filipinos on American sailors in Manila this week, has apparently now spread to Shanghai.

Two American business men, on a visit to Shanghai from Siam, had a very nasty experience on Monday night, details of which have just come to hand.

It appears that the two gentlemen were subjected to insulting remarks directed against Americans generally, after which they were attacked by a gang of Filipinos. The affair seems to have occurred or developed in a cabaret outside the Settlement.

One of them managed to reach the Settlement, where he made a complaint to a foreign police officer. The European police constable was powerless to interfere.

EQUITABLE BANK'S PURCHASE.

Buys Gold in Japan, Shanghai and Hongkong.

EXCHANGE TRANSACTION.

New York, Mar. 18. The Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation announces that owing to the recent fall in the price of silver in China, which brought gold upon the market there, it has bought, in "a straight exchange transaction," \$35,000,000 in Japan, Shanghai and Hongkong.

This is at present en route to New York.—Reuter's American Service.

however, as the cabaret is in Chinese territory.

The American returned to the scene of the outrage where he found his companion lying unconscious in the roadway.

The attack is regarded as a repercussion of the troubles in America and Manila as there is no question of robbery.—Reuter.

LATEST WATER STATISTICS.

FURTHER DECREASES IN THE SUPPLY.

The total storage in the island reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 17th March, amounted to 826.17 million gallons, showing a decrease of 46.69 million gallons during the past week; the amount collected from streams being 1.13 million gallons.

The week's consumption amounted to 47.82 million gallons. The total storage in the mainland reservoirs on the morning of Monday, 17th March, amounted to 376.50 million gallons, showing a decrease of 12.33 million gallons during the past week.

The week's consumption amounted to 26.40 million gallons, not including 1.62 million gallons supplied to Water Boats at Lai Chi Kok.

The yield from the Shing Mun River and streams during the week was 15.64 million gallons.

CHINESE WARDER FINED.

TOOK TOBACCO INTO THE PRISON.

Charged with bringing prohibited matter into the Prison, namely tobacco, Li Fuk, a warder, was fined \$60 at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Accused was employed as a training instructor in connexion with the industries carried out by the inmates of Victoria Gaol.

Evidence was given by Warder Tucker, that he searched the accused before he came on duty yesterday morning and found a stick of tobacco concealed on him.

SAMPAN ROBBERS SENTENCED.

BRUTAL ATTACK ON BOATWOMEN.

RECENT HARBOUR INCIDENT RECALLED.

PRISON AND "CAT."

A robbery which occurred on board a sampan in the harbour on the evening of February 17, this year, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions this morning before the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Wood) when four men were charged for connexion with the affair.

Accused were Chung Kau, Chang Cheung, Wong Ping and Li Nam, who were charged with robbing a woman, Lo Ngan, of a jade bangle and 50 cents in money, and her daughter, Ng Kam, of a pair of gold and rattan bangles, a \$10 note and 67 cents in cash. All four men denied the charge.

Outlining the case for the Crown, Mr. H. K. Holmes stated that the woman and her daughter had a small passenger sampan on which they transported passengers in the harbour from Wing Lok Street wharf. At about half past six on the evening of February 17, four men hired the sampan and directed the women to row to the s.s. Changte. When near the ship, the second and third accused seized a foot of Lo Ngan and pulled her off the seat on which she was sitting. At the time she was wearing a jade bangle which the men took from her. They also deprived her of 50 cents.

Girl's Fright.

While that was going on, the first and fourth accused told the daughter to hand over anything she had. She was frightened and told them to take anything, and they took from her a pair of gold and rattan bangles and \$10.67 in money.

The men then ordered the women to go to Kowloon Point, but they replied they were unable to do so as the tide was against them. Then the men wanted to go to Shamshuipo, but they eventually decided to go to Kennedy Town. In the meantime, the boat had gradually drifted down to the junk anchorage and the daughter shouted "Save life," attracting the attention of people on certain cargo boats. Two dinghies were put out and the four men on the sampan jumped into the water. About that time, the daughter was either pushed or accidentally fell into the water, but she was rescued by the elder woman. One dinghy picked up the second and fourth accused and the other dinghy picked up the other two. On the second accused was found the jade bangle and also one of the rattan and gold bangles.

Accused' Stories.

Mr. Holmes continued that when charged, accused made the following statements:—Chung Kau: "I have not much to say. I have been in Hongkong for some time. They asked me to go abroad. They said that I knew nobody in Hongkong. I have nothing to say. I did not go on board that boat."

Chang Cheung: "I did go to commit robbery. Wong Ping asked me to go with him. I said I would not go because I had no knife. He said there was no need for me to fear because they were only females. I then went with them."

Wong Ping: "Li Nam asked me to go on board a boat. I did not know that they were going to commit robbery. The old woman and the girl may be asked as to whether I have moved my hands or not."

Li Nam: "I did not commit robbery. I only boarded some boat with them. I went out to look for a friend. I worked in the Fook Cheung shop. My friend was going abroad. I wished to converse with him. I did not know that they would commit robbery."

Other Admissions.

Before the Magistrate, accused made the following statements:

Chung Kau: "I did snatch. I had no gun or other weapon."

Chang Cheung: "I did snatch. I did not push the girl overboard. She overbalanced herself. I was at the stern of the boat. I was the man who put my hand into her mouth. She bit my finger."

Wong Ping: "I did snatch. I was sitting down at the bow. Four (Continued on Page 12.)

COAL MINES BILL CONTROVERSY.

GOVERNMENT DEFEAT NOW NEGATED.

LIBERALS' DECISION.

London, Mar. 18. The anxieties aroused by the threat of the defeat of the Government on Thursday's critical division on the Coal Mines Bill have been considerably lessened, indeed, practically removed, owing to the decision of the meeting of the Liberal Parliamentary Party to abstain from voting with the Conservatives on vital amendments in order not to embarrass the Government during the Naval Conference.

There is scant possibility of the Government's defeat in these circumstances.

The Conservatives are to move an amendment for the deletion of the provision to empower owners to fix minimum prices for coal products in any district to which the marketing proposals apply.

If such an amendment were carried, the Government would probably be forced to withdraw the Bill. It is hoped to complete the committee stage of the measure on Thursday.

It should be mentioned that the Liberal decision applies to the division on Thursday only. The Party reserves freedom of action on the third reading stage of the Bill.—Reuter.

AMERICAN FINANCIAL COMBINE.

LARGEST U.S. BANK FORMED BY MERGER.

New York, Mar. 18. Negotiations for the merger of the Chase National Bank, the Interstate Trust Company and the Equitable Trust Company have been completed, successfully.

The new Bank will be the largest in the United States. The combined resources exceed \$2,800,000. The new Bank will be known as the Chase National Bank. Its capital exceeds that of the National City Bank and the Midlands Bank (England), which have hitherto been rivals for the title of the world's largest Bank.—Reuter's American Service.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA & N.D.L. LINES.

NEW ARRANGEMENT TO AFFECT FAR EAST.

Berlin, Mar. 18. A most important step towards a general agreement between the Hamburg Amerika and Norddeutscher Lloyd Shipping Companies has been taken by a practically-decided arrangement to pool their interests in the South American traffic.

It is understood that this "rationalisation" will also extend to the Far East, thereby enabling the withdrawal of from eight to ten ships without affecting German interests.—Reuter.

U.S. TELEPHONE CO. EXPANSION.

CONTROLLING INTEREST IN FOREIGN CONCERN.

New York, Mar. 18. The International Telephone Corporation has purchased a controlling interest in the Constantinople Telephone Company, an Anglo-French concern.

This is the tenth foreign country to be invaded by this vast Corporation, which already operates in Spain and several of the Central American and South American States.—Reuter's American Service.

TYPHOON WARNING.

The first typhoon warning for the year is to hand, the Manila Observatory notifying at 10.45 a.m. to-day that there is a cyclone or typhoon, situated east of the Bashi Channel, moving east.

CEMENT COMPANY DEVELOPMENT.

NEW PLANT TO COST £270,000.

DEEP WATER BAY PROPERTY TO BE SOLD.

MANAGERSHIP CHANGE

An entirely new plant is to be installed at the Hok On works of the Green Island Cement Co., Ltd., at a cost of approximately £270,000 sterling. This fact was announced by Mr. C. A. da Roza when presiding at the annual shareholders' meeting of the Company this morning. The meeting was noteworthy as being the last to be held in Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Company's offices, and it was announced that, consequent on the change of managership, the Company is moving to Exchange Buildings at the end of this month.

The Company's new plant, which is of British manufacture, will, it is hoped, be in operation by the middle of next year. It will be electrically driven. The Board has in view the possibility of the Company eventually generating its own electricity, but meanwhile a contract, for a period of five years, has been entered into with the China Light and Power Co.

It was disclosed at the meeting that the profits for last year show an improvement of more than \$89,000 over those of 1928.

A decision to sell the buildings, machinery, stocks, etc., at Deep Water Bay was also announced.

Chairman's Speech.

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—You have had the report and accounts in your hands for the period prescribed by the Articles and, with your permission, I propose following the usual practice by taking them as read.

After providing for depreciation in the sum of \$75,730.67, the profits for the year amount, to \$227,097.02, being an improvement compared with the figures for the year 1928, of a little over \$89,000. In the opinion of the Board, the result may be regarded as satisfactory having in mind the severe competition experienced in all our markets during the period under review, a factor which has necessarily affected our profits adversely. Generally speaking, it has been a difficult period of receding prices intensified by our own problem of keeping down production costs which, in the operation of a plant long past its period of economical production, tend to rise continually.

Including the balance of \$9,902.61 brought forward from the previous account, there is a balance available of \$236,999.63 which the Directors recommend should be appropriated in the payment of a dividend of 30 cents per share on the old shares and 4 cents per share on the new shares absorbing \$136,000.00 and to carry forward the balance of \$100,999.63 to a new account, and in this connexion a resolution will be submitted to you.

Macao Expenditure.

It was stated from the chair at the last annual meeting that it was not the intention of the Board to spend further capital in Macao, and in the circumstances I think I should explain that the item of \$145,494.16 since expended at these works cover the cost and erection of a grinding mill, which was ordered in 1923, but only delivered last year, and also for the completion of the Works. Whilst on this subject I am pleased to inform you that our Consulting Engineer considers our Macao works, which now consists of four vertical kilns of the very latest type, to be an excellently equipped factory, and, I may add, it has been of material benefit to us.

Our Hok-On works, as they stand to-day, do not naturally meet with his approval, the kilns and machinery there being of a type long since discarded, and, if I may use the term, very fatigued. Great credit is, therefore, due to our Works Manager and his staff for the continued production of a high grade cement which passes by a large margin the British standard specification for Portland cement, and which— (Continued on Page 12.)



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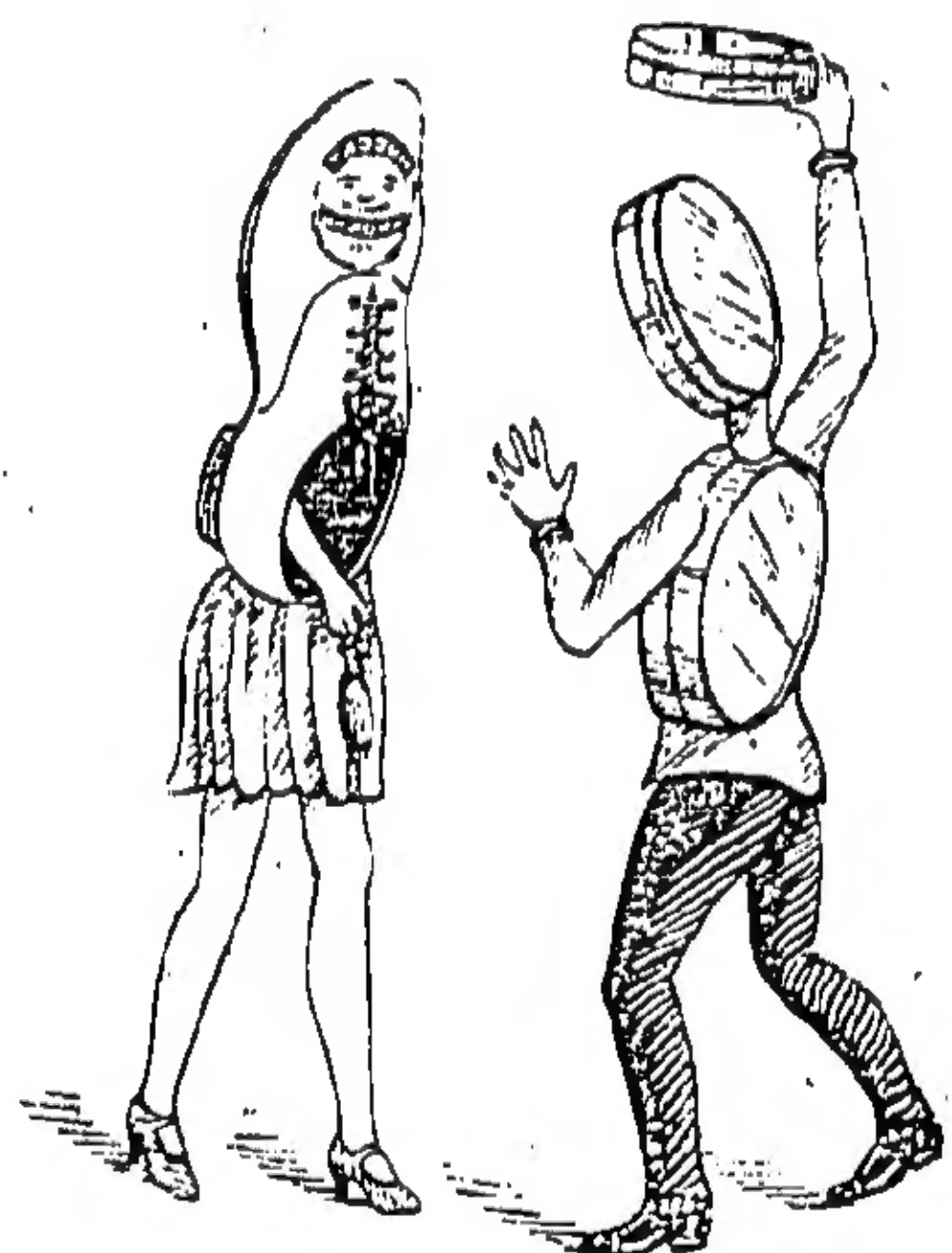
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A UNIQUE JURY EMPANELLED.

SOLICITOR, DETECTIVE AND REPORTER.

A jury, unique for its composition and probably the first of its nature to be empanelled in a Court in the history of the Colony, sat at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon to inquire into the circumstances of the death of a prisoner of the Laichikok Gaol, who died yesterday morning from tuberculosis.

Mr. Whyte Smith occupied the Bench as Coroner and, in the absence of a jury summoned in the usual manner, he called upon Mr. L. R. Andrewes, the Assistant Crown Solicitor, (foreman), Detective Inspector C. P. Fallon, both of whom had been previously engaged in the Court on a murder trial, and Mr. C. E. Wong, a member of the local Press to assist him in the inquiry.

Owing to the sudden death of the prisoner and the limited time in which to summon a jury the officials of the Magistracy were unable to notify the Registrar for a jury to be called so that when the inquiry was due to commence the Coroner, under Section 10 (4) of the Coroner's Abolition Ordinance called upon the persons mentioned.

The Coroner pointed out that according to Section 8 of the same Ordinance he was required to hold an inquiry within twenty-four hours whenever any prisoner died in gaol. He said that it was an unusual procedure he had adopted but if he did not hold the inquiry then the twenty-four hours would elapse. Probably he would be wrong in either case but he thought that the twenty-four hours was very clearly laid down and there had been no chance of getting a proper jury together.

Mr. Andrewes, when asked to serve, remarked that he thought that he was ineligible, but was informed by the Coroner that according to Section 10 sub-section

GANDHI'S CRUSADE.

FURTHER CASUALTIES IN PARTY.

Borsad, Mar. 18. In addition to the small-pox case, which was left behind at Anand, there are now three casualties in Gandhi's volunteers, all of them now accompanying the party in a pony carriage.

The Gandhites arrived at Napa this morning, going on to Borsad this evening.

Elaborate police precautions are being taken at Borsad, which is in the district where Vallabhai Patel was arrested.—*Reuter*.

Trial of Sen Gupta.

Rangoon, Mar. 18. The trial of Sen Gupta, the Mayor of Calcutta, on a charge of sedition, has opened. Sen Gupta refused to answer questions, or to be released on bail.—*Reuter*.

4, "the Magistrate may require any bystander to serve as a juror, but no officer of the gaol or prisoner confined therein shall serve as a juror in any such inquiry."

The Coroner pointed out that the latter part of the section rather strengthened the argument that a solicitor or any other person who was not otherwise eligible would be eligible.

Mr. J. C. West, chief warder at the Laichikok Gaol gave evidence that the deceased, Wong Yee aged 45 and a native of Pakhoi was committed to prison on July 22, 1929, to serve a term of eleven months' hard labour under the Opium Ordinance. He was convicted at the Central Magistracy and transferred to the Laichikok Prison on July 27, 1929.

Dr. J. E. Dovey gave details of the defendant's health since he first came under his care. After gradually declining after his admission deceased's condition became worse and on January 28 witnessed reported to Mr. J. W. Franks

DOCK CO. REPORT.

A NET PROFIT OF JUST OVER \$600.

The report of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., to be presented at the annual meeting, was:

The Directors beg to submit their Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1929.

As shown by the Profit and Loss Account, the Gross Profit on working for the year ending 31st December, 1929, is \$653,832.35.

After deducting Interest, Rates, Brown Rent, Insurance, Directors' and Auditors' Fees and allowing the sum of \$148,834.70 for Depreciation on Buildings and Plant, the net profit for the year 1929 is \$614,533; to which must be added the amount brought forward from last year \$121,381.30; making the amount at Credit of Profit and Loss Account at 31st December, 1929 \$121,995.83, which it is recommended should be carried forward to next year.

Directors.—In accordance with Article No. 90 of the Company's Articles of Association, Mr. Allan Cameron, and Mr. B. D. F. Beith, retire by rotation and offer themselves for re-election. Mr. J. P. Warren has been appointed Chairman for the year 1930.

Auditors.—The Accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, and Messrs. Percival Smith, Seth and Fleming, who retire and offer themselves for re-election.

that the prisoner would not survive his sentence. Death occurred at a week yesterday morning.

Witness certified death as being due to military tuberculosis.

A verdict in accordance with the medical evidence was recorded. In thanking the jury for stopping into the breach the Coroner intimated that he did not think that it had ever been done before.

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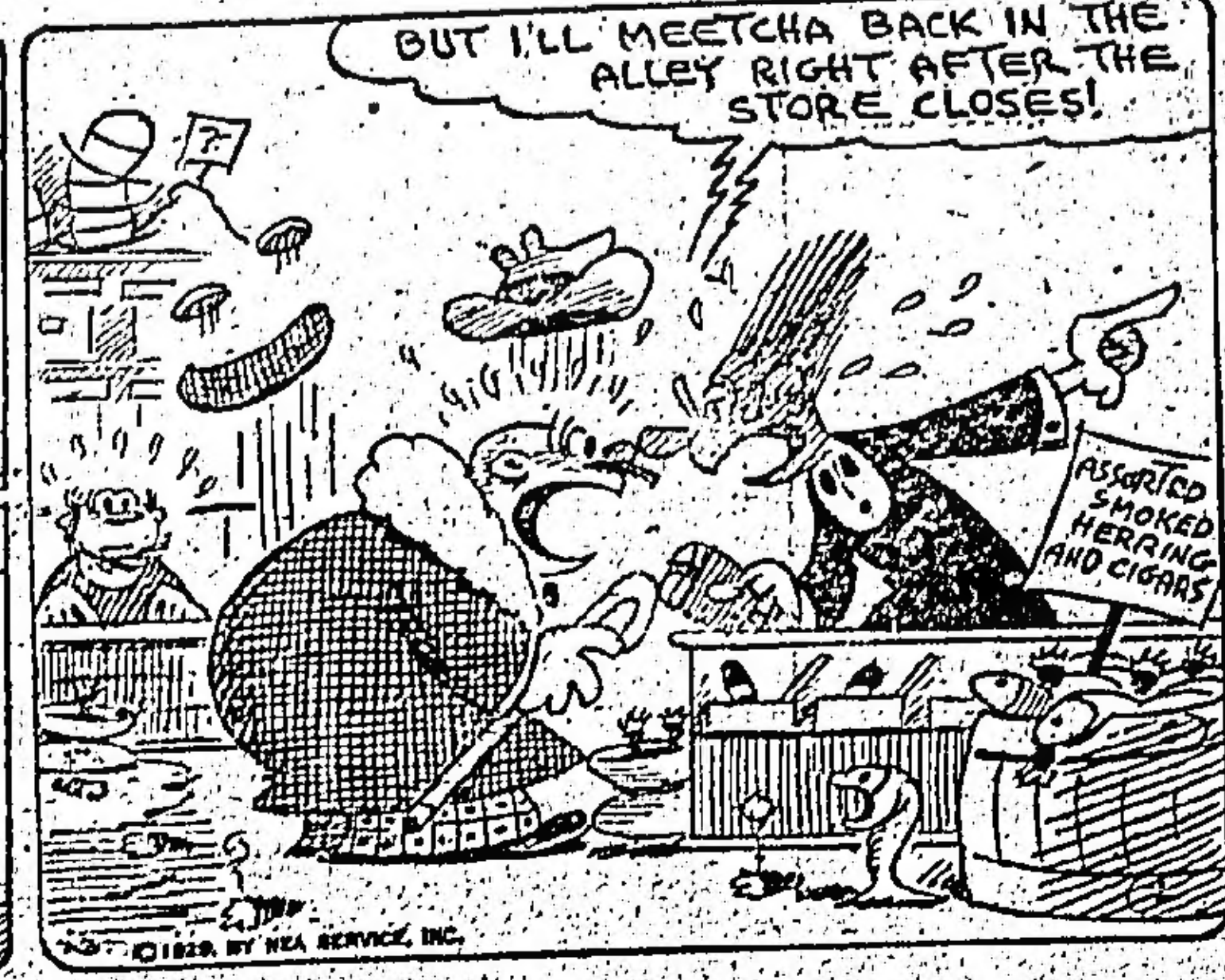
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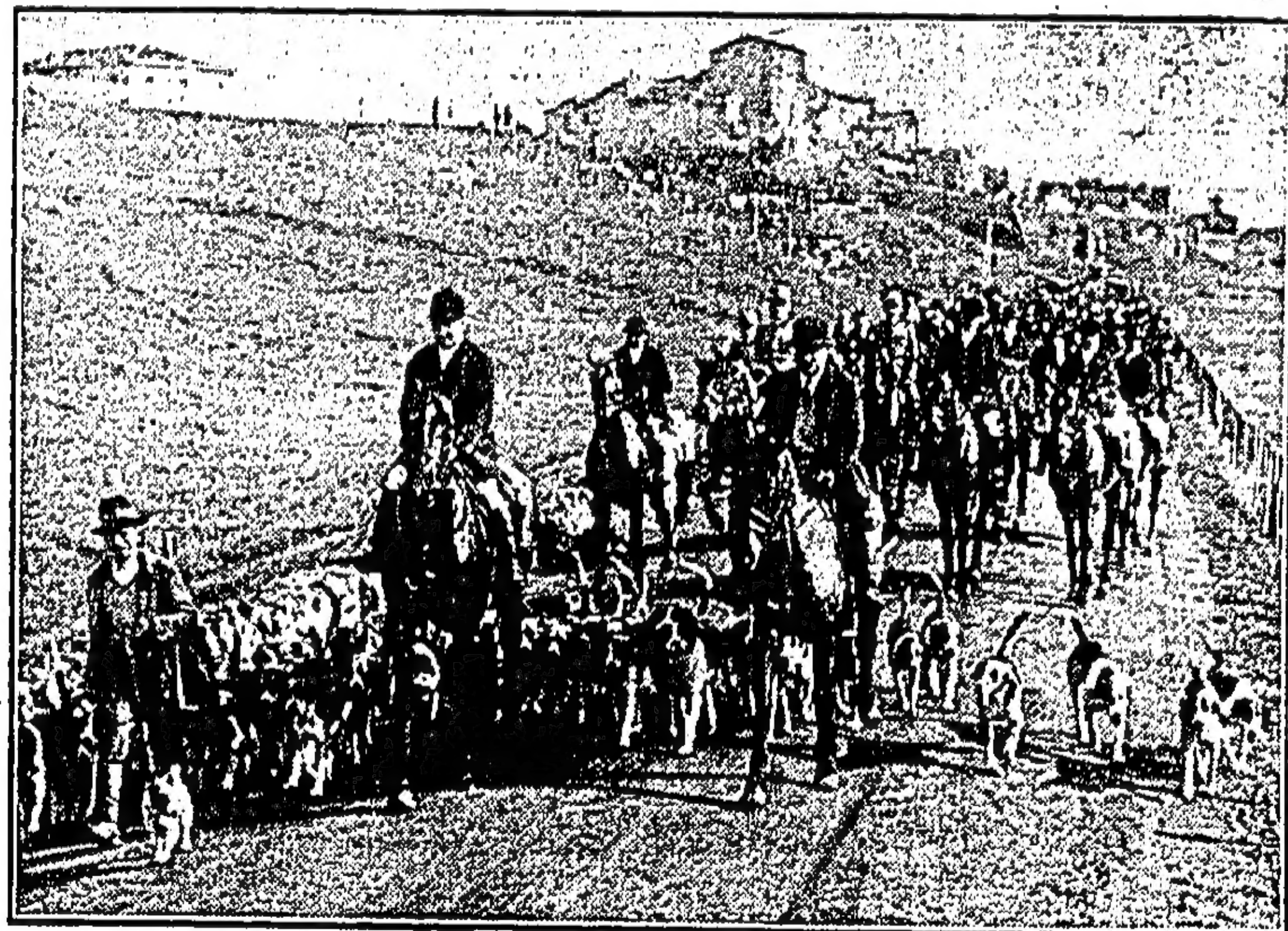
Our picture shows Nicboth Diligent, Mr. J. H. Garrett's prize winning English Springer Spaniel, at Cruft's Dog Show, held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. (Times copyright).



Our picture shows Mrs E. K. Staines's St. Bernard, Abbotspar's Benedick, champion certificate and two first prizes, at the Cruft's Dog Show held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington. (Times copyright).



Over 3,000 dogs were exhibited at Cruft's Dog Show. Our picture shows Mr. T. H. Moorby's Pointer Stainton Society, champion certificate and three first prizes. (Times copyright).



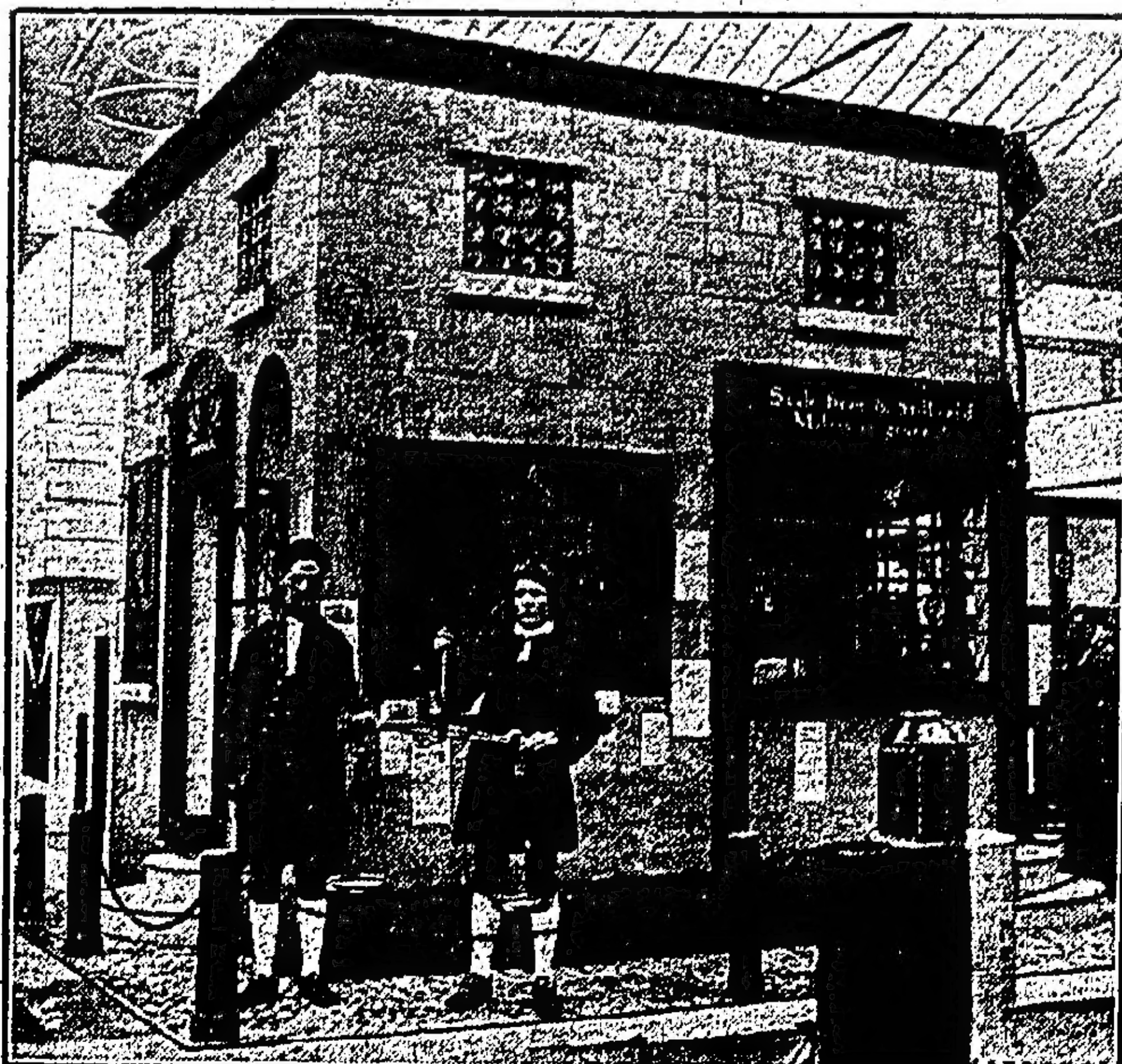
A meet of the Roman Foxhounds, which hunt the country thirty miles round Rome. The hunt was founded by Lord Chesterfield in 1836. (Times copyright).



The British Industries Fair was held at Olympia, London, and at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. There were 42,000 square feet for the stands. Our picture shows a number of British dolls. There was a remarkably good and varied display. (Times copyright).



Miss Foo Moo-zien and Mr. Taiang Tse-way were married at the Great Eastern Hotel, Shanghai, recently. The groom is a popular jockey at the Kiangwan and Yangtsepoo race club.



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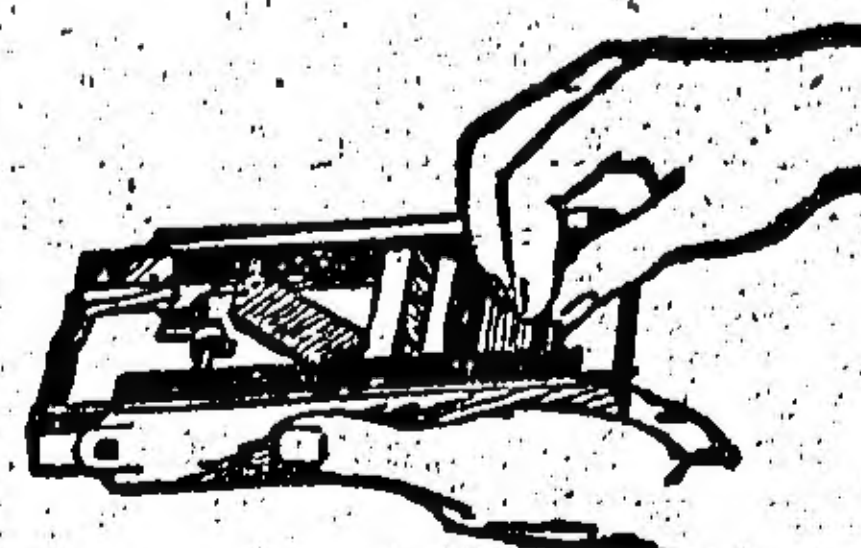
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New Plant.

The troubles of our technical staff in regard to old machinery, will, however, soon be removed for as you have been informed at the extraordinary general meeting held on the 5th February last we have purchased from Messrs. Vickers, Armstrongs, Ltd., an entirely new plant, which we hope will be in operation before the middle of next year. The kilns, machinery, etc., for the new plant will all be of the very latest design and of British workmanship throughout. With the new plant installed and operating, we shall be able to market our product at rates enabling us to compete successfully in every market open to us.

The whole plant will be electrically driven and in this connection I would like to mention that we have entered into a very favourable contract with our friends the China Light & Power Co. (1918) Ltd., for the supply of electrical energy. Your Board, however, realising that it may possibly be more economical for this Company to generate its own electricity, some time in the future, have entered into this contract for a period of only five years, after which period the whole situation vis-a-vis electrical energy will again be reviewed.

Deep Water Bay Property.

The Board have been considerably exercised in their minds as to what to do with your Deep Water Bay property in connection with which they had intended calling for tenders for the purchase of the works either as a going concern, or for the building and machinery to one purchaser, and the land to another. The property is, however, held on a lease from the Government, the terms of which restrict a free and prompt realization thereof, but negotiations will be continued with the view to obtaining the best solution possible, but whatever may be the ultimate result of such negotiations, in view of the decision to cease the manufacture of bricks and tiles etc., it is proposed to sell the buildings, machinery, stocks etc.

Your Board have not reached this decision without reviewing the whole situation most carefully in which the enormous loss suffered by the Company since the inception of the Works in 1896 and the apparent impossibility of this section of the Company's business being successful in the future, carried due weight. These losses amount to \$470,369.30 and we think it will be generally agreed that what we propose doing is in the best interests of the Company.

The only important change in the Company's balance sheet is the item Fixed Deposit \$400,000.00, which does not figure in the assets at 31st December, 1929. This sum was remitted to London at a very favourable rate, as initial payment on the signing of the contract with Vickers, Armstrongs Ltd.

Cost of Plant.

It is hard, at this stage to tell you exactly what the total cost of the new plant will be, but we do not anticipate it will cost us much more than £270,000. A great deal, however, depends on the work in connection with the foundations, so the figure mentioned is naturally only an approximate one.

I do not know if you expect me to say anything about the prospects for the present year on which the Board certainly do not care to prophesy, but it is obvious that the present level of exchange should assist our local business as much as our export business, but it is advisable to add,

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nevertheless, that we cannot make big profits with the existing obsolete plant at Hok-On.

In conclusion I would like to mention that during the year 1929, the Company's Chief Clerk at our Hok-On Works, Mr. P.F.C. Prata, who had been with the Company for the past 38 years, retired on account of ill-health and your Board, anticipating your approval, granted him a pension of \$150.00 per month, a pension which I am sure you will agree has been well earned by long and faithful service.

New Premises.

This is probably the last occasion on which the annual general meeting will be held in this building, for the Secretary and his staff, in accordance with the decision of the recent extraordinary general meetings in reference to the General Managership, are moving at the end of this month to Exchange Building where suitable offices have been procured. I now formally propose that the report of the Directors and accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1929, as presented, be adopted and that the allocation as recommended by your Directors be adopted namely:—To pay a dividend of 30 cents per share on the old shares, \$120,000; to pay a dividend of 4 cents per share on the New Shares, \$16,000; to carry forward to credit of next year's account, \$100,999.63; and I shall be obliged if a shareholder will kindly second such proposal, after which I shall be pleased to reply to the best of my ability to any questions in connection with the report and accounts that shareholders may wish to ask.

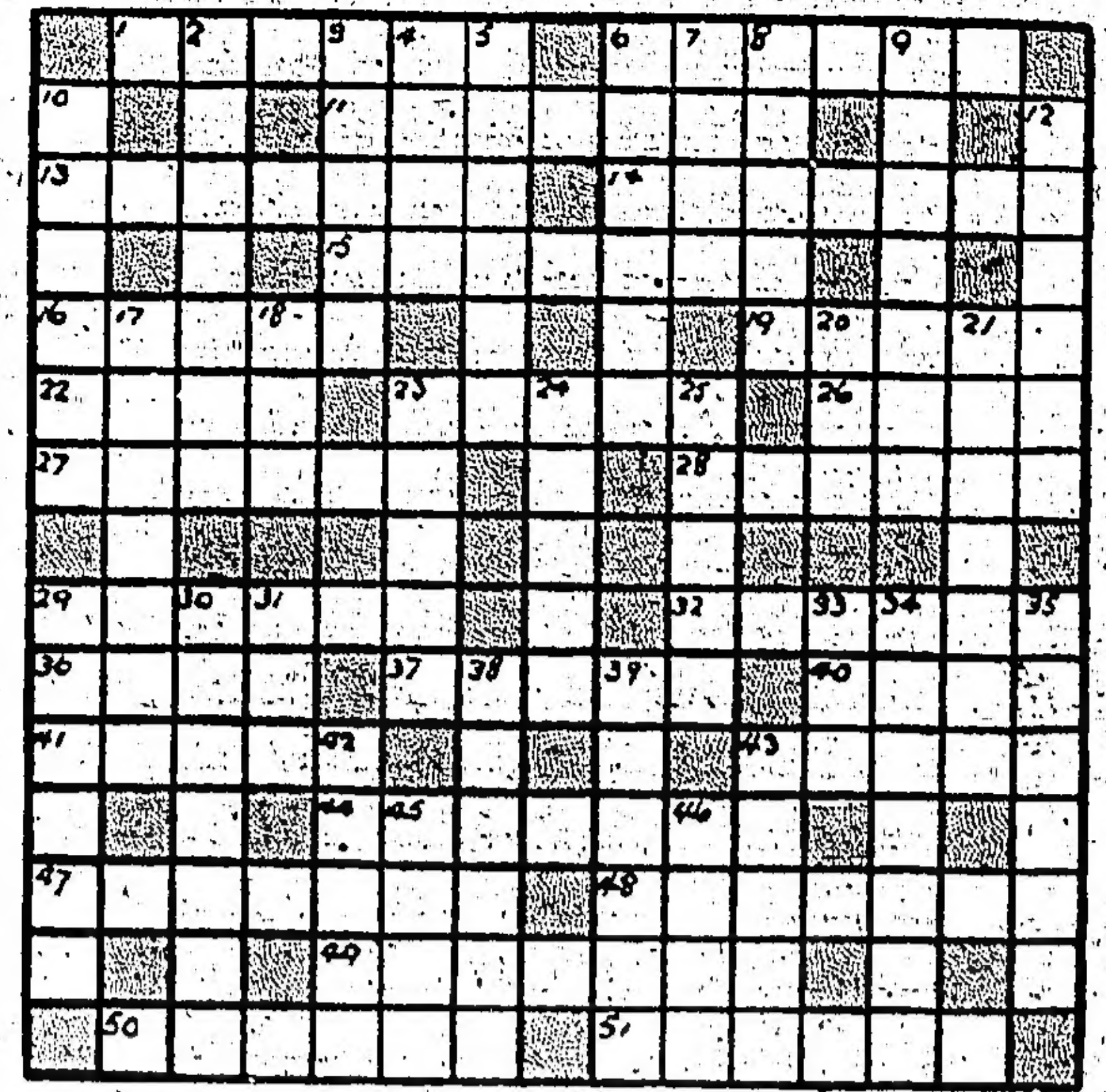
Mr. A. L. Shields seconded the report and accounts, which were adopted without comment.

Other Business.

Mr. R. G. Shewan and Sir Robert Ho Tung were re-elected to the Board of Directors on the motion of Mr. V. A. Croucher, seconded by Mr. H. Dreyer, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews were re-appointed as auditors, on the proposition of Mr. G. A. Moxon, seconded by Mr. O. Kitchell.

Mr. C. A. Da Rosa presided, supported by the following Directors: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. J. H. Taggart, J. Scott Harston, Li Tse Fong, E. F. Mendham, and Allen Keith (Secretary). Shareholders present were: Messrs. H. Dreyer, A. C. Botelli, N. Braga, G. A. Moxon, A. L. Shields, Seu Kon-chi, O. Kitchell, E. Sadick, M. A. Figueiredo, F. E. Silva, C. S. Remedios, N. V. A. Croucher and the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga.

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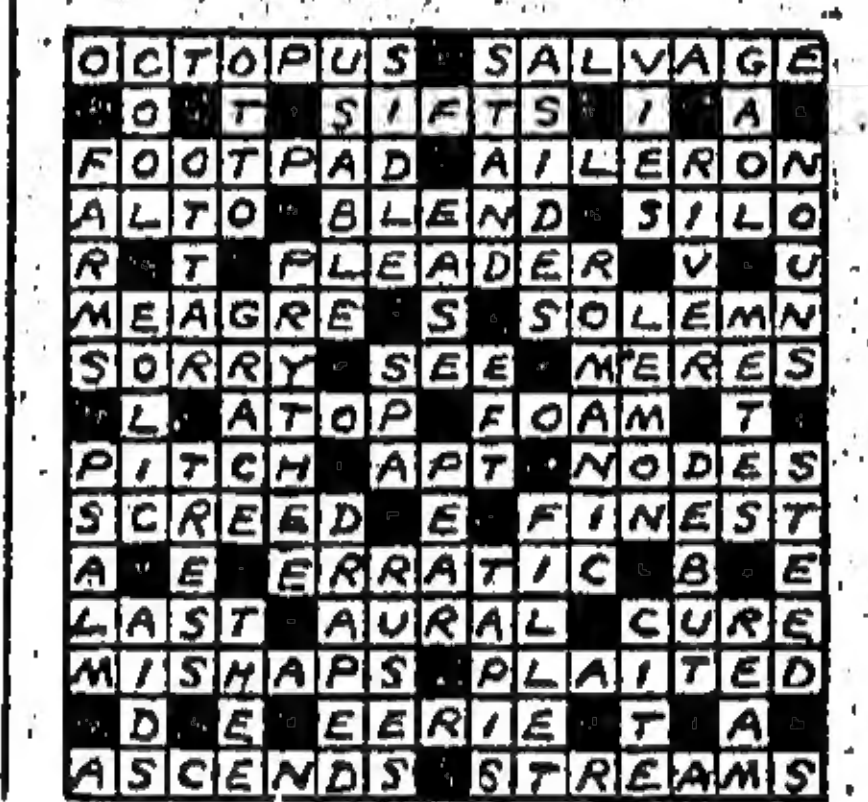
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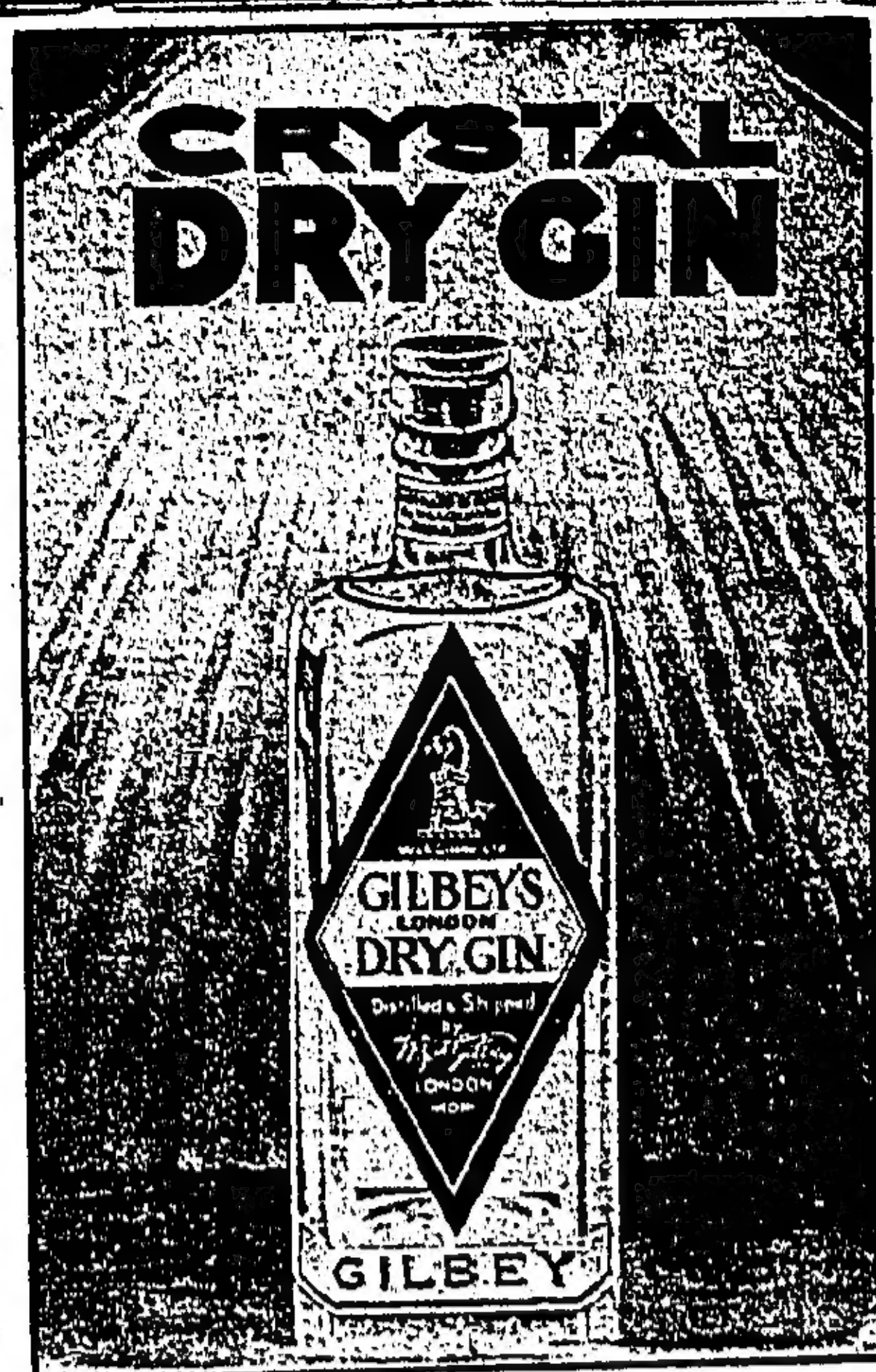
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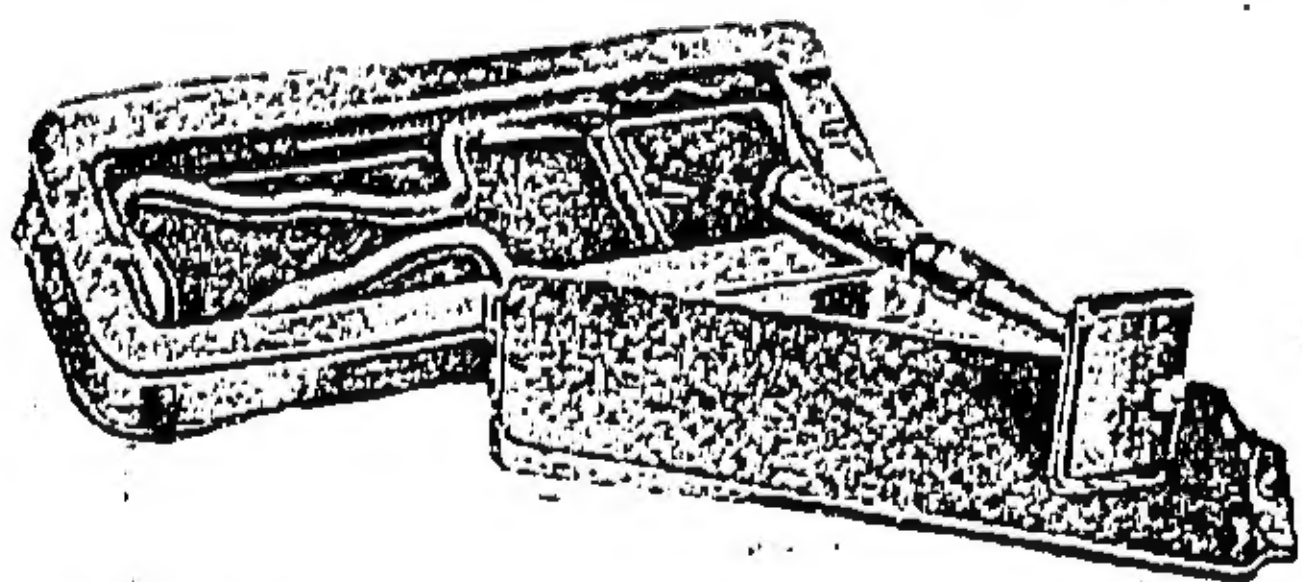
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THE COLONY'S OUTLOOK.

Although the steady development and expansion of the Colony must be apparent to all who reside in it, a far more vivid impression of our progress is made on those who return to our shores after an absence of some years. A few days ago, we were conversing with a former resident who is again back in the Colony and he remarked that he was amazed at the development which had taken place within the past five or six years. On all hands, and especially across on the mainland, was he struck with the changes which have been brought about. Such signs of advancement, he observed, obviously reflected great confidence in the future of the Colony by those who were laying out huge sums in the erection of business establishments and in the development of residential areas.

Most of us, we fear, are rather given to taking all these indications of progress for granted. Day by day we move about in restricted circles, taking casual note now and then of any particularly big project, but, on the whole, failing to realise the tremendous advances which are being made. On the island, many of the old buildings which have stood since the early days of the Colony are gradually disappearing and making way for more modern and capacious structures. A glance at the business centre of the city is sufficient to demonstrate that fact. Across at Kowloon, the expansion taking place is really wonderful; indeed, really big towns are springing up on the outskirts of Kowloon, giving visions of a day not far distant when the whole geography of the peninsula will be completely altered. A motor ride through some of these districts would be a revelation to many people who seldom go off the beaten track. All this building, of course, will in due course be reflected in the rateable value of the Colony, which has shown remarkable increases within the past decade. And in turn this must mean more and more revenue for the Government, even though the very expansion which is taking place adds to the Colony's maintenance charges. It is well, therefore, at a moment when the business outlook is none too inspiring, that remembrance be had of these pointers to the better days which we all hope are ahead. Our chief troubles at the moment have their origin in the fallen

dollar, and, unhappily, the future trend of the Colony's currency is most uncertain. This reacts injuriously on trade, inasmuch as there is nothing more damaging to business expansion than uncertainty regarding exchange. For this reason, it is to be hoped that the Government will not much longer delay any plans it may have under consideration for an investigation of this problem, upon the solution of which so much depends. Fine, modern blocks of business buildings are of little avail if our trade is stopped at its source. An impartial and thorough-going inquiry into the dollar question is a prime necessity of the moment.

When we come to look closely into matters, there is every reason why Hongkong should maintain its forward stride. We have the great advantage given us by our geographical position, a magnificent harbour, modern facilities for the handling of cargo, a free port, immunity from excessive taxation and the assurance of peace and security under the British flag. These are great assets, of which we cannot be deprived. Our free port status, in particular, should, as time goes on, attract the attention of many business firms in other ports who have to contend with increased Customs tariffs. It is true, of course, that even with Hongkong as a base, goods entering China are subject to these heavy duties, but we can envisage the time when certain types of business with headquarters elsewhere will find that it pays to have their Hongkong offices and thereby be relieved of the imposition of duties until such time as the goods or materials are sent into China. On the whole, despite the temporary depression from which we are suffering, the future looks distinctly promising. We can now build up and consolidate our position in readiness for those better days ahead.

Staircase Death-Traps.

The incidence of two fatal fires within a week, occurring in widely separated parts of the Colony, compels public attention to the association of all the deaths with the existence of wooden staircases in the devastated buildings. The events make their own protest, stronger than any which we are capable of advancing. Hard facts, more than plain speaking, carry a prospect of moving the Government to take action, though plain speaking may still be required. The King Edward Hotel disaster resulted in agitation for the provision of adequate fire exits from large office blocks and hotels. No time was lost in drawing up regulations. Perhaps the Kennedy Town and Yaumatei fire tragedies will similarly stir the Government and produce definite measures for tackling this very grave problem, one which we have taken up so frequently that further comment seems akin to flaying a dead horse. These staircase death-traps are an outstanding feature of the Colony's terrible slums. What is worse is that the Government is still permitting buildings served by wooden staircases to go up. Moreover, if the buildings just destroyed are reconstructed, the odds are that the narrow wooden staircases common to two tenement houses will be restored, unless the sternest effort is made to obtain a remedy. The Government cannot evade its responsibility. We see no reason why it should ever have acquiesced in the construction of six houses on a plot of land where only five should go. Improvement in the case of existing structures cannot, we admit, be secured without great difficulty, but we do not agree that it is an insuperable one. Owners of houses of the type described should be compelled to make provision for an emergency even if it takes the form merely of a "rope-ladder" arrangement, constructed of wire, attached to the top storey and wound up. Something must be done!

We are informed by the University that in the Junior Local Examination, held in November, Candidate No. 479, Walter Sue, of King's College, obtained Distinction in English.

DAY BY DAY.

THE MOST BRUTAL MAN CANNOT LIVE IN CONSTANT ASSOCIATION WITH A STRONG FEMALE INFLUENCE AND NOT BE GREATLY CONTROLLED BY IT.—Mrs. Stowe.

Sir Frederick Whyte, who has been laid up recently is taking a short holiday in Hongkong.

Amongst the passengers who left by the s.s. Aeneas were the Bishop of Victoria and Mrs. Dupuy, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mrs. Coppin and Mr. D. E. Clark.

Amongst the passengers who arrived here by the Blue Funnel line s.s. Aeneas were Sir Frederick and Lady Whyte, Mr. D. Templeton, Mr. J. J. Paterson and Mr. W. Brackenbridge.

Amongst the passengers leaving on the Empress of Canada for Shanghai this morning was Mrs. M. S. J. Walsh, the wife of the Manager of the British-American Tobacco Co. (China), Ltd.

Seen "fishing" clothes with a rod from the first floor of 77, Yu Chau Street, Shamshui, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of larceny, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Admitting a charge of being in possession of 39 *po piu* lottery tickets at Tai Nam Street, Shamshui, a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning was fined \$50 with the alternative of one month's hard labour.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to defend the second of six Chinese who were charged on remand with being in possession of seditious literature. The case was fixed for the afternoon of Thursday, 27th inst.

Business at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board was of a formal character and at the termination of the meeting the chairman expressed the welcome of the Board to Lt. Col. C. D. Myles, O.B.E., R.A.M.C., who had been appointed a member, vice Major D. G. Cheyne, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.M.C.

"You are very fortunate, indeed, in not standing in this Court on a charge of murder," said Mr. Justice Wood at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, in sentencing U Sang to five years' imprisonment with hard labour and 18 strokes with the "cat," on his being convicted on a charge of robbery in connexion with the Cheung Chau affair, as a result of which a girl named Kwok Ching-mui lost her life. Lt. Tse and Ip Sui-wan, the second and third accused, charged with assault with intent to rob, were found "not guilty" and discharged.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 18.
Paris	124.30
New York	4.86 1/4
Brussels	34.885
Geneva	25.125
Amsterdam	12.12 1/2
Milan	92.875
Berlin	20.385
Stockholm	18.11
Copenhagen	18.165
Oslo	18.17
Vienna	34.525
Prague	104 1/4
Madrid	38.60
Helsingfors	193 1/2
Lisbon	108.30
Athens	375
Bucharest	815
Rio	5.23/32
Buenos Aires	41 1/2
Shanghai	1.10 1/2
Bombay	1/5, 1/6
Hongkong	1/5, 1/6
Yokohama	2/0, 1/4
Silver (spot)	19.3/16
Silver forward	19

—British Wireless.

SALVAGE OF THE "CHANGTE."

NAVAL AWARDS NOW READY.

The naval authorities notify that the following award of salvage money, in respect of the salvage of the s.s. Changte by H.M. tug Cherub, on October 15th last, is now ready for distribution in the Department of the Accountant General of the Navy:

	s.	d.
5th class	2	12 1/2
6th class	1	19 1/2
7th class	1	11 3/4
8th class	1	6 0
9th class	1	0 9
11th class	0	13 0
12th class	0	7 10
13th class	0	5 2

HONGKONG AIR MAIL TO ENGLAND.

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Government of the Union of South Africa would make a substantial contribution towards the subsidy over a five years period, and would lend their support and co-operation generally.

It was contemplated that a regular service between Alexandria and Tanganyika should commence in the Autumn of this year and a through service to Cape Town in the Spring of 1931.

India Service.

The Government of India had now extended the England-India service from Karachi to Delhi, by means of aircraft chartered from and operated by the Imperial Airways.

The preparation of the ground organisation of the route across India was being vigorously pushed forward.

The section to Calcutta would be ready at the end of March and it was hoped that by the Autumn, sufficient progress would have been made to render possible the operation of the service to Rangoon.

Proposals had been submitted to the Air Ministry for the operation of the remaining section between Rangoon and Australia and it was hoped, in conjunction with the Governments of India and Australia, to inaugurate a through service to Australia, as soon as possible after the route along the coast of Burma had been organised.

Airship Development.

Dealing with airships, Mr. Montague said that undoubtedly from a constructional viewpoint, the new British completed airships had definitely disproved many of the gloomy forecasts.

Meteorological investigations of the Indian route for airships showed that conditions would generally be adverse on the return journey, both between Karachi and Ismailia, and between Ismailia and Cardington, with the consequence that a large reserve of fuel would have to be carried for the first experimental flight to the East of the R101.

Having regard to the need for a safety policy in a programme of this expensive character, it was decided not to attempt the return flight to India in March or April.

Improvement to R101.

An extra bag would be inserted in the R101 during the summer which would increase her capacity by some 500,000 cubic feet and give her an additional net lift of about nine tons. The new bag, with the consequential extra lift, was found to be possible because of the satisfactory strength which the airship's tests had disclosed.

The proposed programme for the R101 was a flight to Karachi and back in September or October, then again to Karachi in December or January, after which there would be mooring trials and experimental flying from Karachi.

The programme for the R100 consisted of flights to Montreal and back between May and September, and schedule flights between Cardington and Ismailia between October and March 1931.

Sir Samuel Hoare's View.

Sir Samuel Hoare, who was Air Minister in the late Conservative Government, pointed out that this country was only fourth or fifth in the list of Air Powers, and each of the other great Air Powers—America, France and Italy—was at present engaged on a programme of further extension.

At the present moment we were thinking mainly about naval disarmament but he was inclined to take the view that in years to come the most urgent disarmament question would be air disarmament.

It was a sinister fact that the expenditure of all the great Powers (except ourselves) in air armaments was literally bounding up year by year.

The expenditure of France had risen no less than 113% during the last five years, that of Italy by 25% and that of the United States by 140%.

A Parity Pact?

Sir Samuel Hoare suggested to Mr. Montague that he should investigate again the problem in which he (Sir Samuel) was interested before he went out of office, namely the possibility of arriving at a parity agreement between the three great powers of Western Europe—France, Italy and ourselves.

If they could reach such an agreement there would be less risk of air armaments going up, and that agreement would be the best basis for a more general agreement to be reached between all the Powers of the world.—British Wireless.

The Very Idea!

The Scotsman was showing his American friend round the country.

"That's a fine train for ye," said the former, pointing to an express which had just appeared out of a tunnel.

"Sure," agreed the American; "but we've got trains twice as big as that in the States."

The Scotsman was silent for a while.

"That's a fine buildin' for ye," he said. "What dae ye think o' it?"

"Say," laughed the American, "that's nothing. We've got hundreds of buildings bigger and better than that."

"Aye," returned the Scotsman, "I expect ye have. That's an asylum."

"Father says, can he have pills instead of these tablets?"

"Why, yes, of course," replied the chemist; "but the shape doesn't make the slightest difference."

"Oh, doesn't it!" said the boy, "you just try and blow these tablets through a peashooter!"

Here is an extract from a "diatribe in verse" which is among the lighter of the very attractive contents of "The Cardinal and other Poems," written by Frida Wolfe and published by Ernest Benn, Ltd.

Country without a course
has naught to offer

Your golfer:
A-bounding by the sea he only
thinks

Links;
Sees not old Neptune riding on
the dolphin.

No, naught but golfin'
(Great Scott! the way the agents
put me off)

By recommending districts
where there's golf!

And then such airs, as if to
know a masher

Gave in itself a cachet.
The holes they bunked, the
divvits sent aloft

(I hope I've got it wrong), the
ball they goffed,

The blithering shop they talk, I
can't forgive it,

And what the dickens anyway's
a divvit?

The largon of the round, the
grip, the tee,

The lie and all is double Scotch
to me.

Brassie and hazard, fozzles and
niblicks,

I hate the whole confounding
bag of tricks.

Nothing can be more ruinous
to a man or woman than living
with over-conscientious parents.—
Winifred Holtby.

The tendency of control is to
make food dearer and quality
lower.—Mr. J. H. Maggs, Chairman
of United Dairies.

Flattery is not an art for fools.
—Lord Castlereagh.

Man at Bow County Court—I
enjoy bad health.

Bettie (just home from a holiday in Egypt).—"And, Auntie, it was so interesting; the tombs and pyramids and things were all covered with hieroglyphs!"

Aunt Louisa—"Oh, dear! I hope you didn't get any on you, child."

WHO WAS— ULYSSES?

Ulysses, King of Ithaca, was one of the famous Greek Generals who laid siege to the town of Troy. Famed for his valour no less than for his wisdom and craft, Ulysses won immortal fame in full many a battle, but even greater renown came to him when the war was over, and he set forth for his home across the seas.

The adventures which befell Ulysses during the ten years he was buffeted about by the winds of Fate before reaching his native Ithaca would fill a book, and indeed they have filled a book—Homer's imperishable Odyssey. He was captured by the dread Cyclops, his ships were destroyed, and his men turned into swine by the enchantress Circe; he was obliged to pass through the infernal regions; he was lulled for seven long years into forgetfulness by Calypso; and underwent a hundred and one other perilous experiences before landing upon his native shores.

Entering his home disguised as a beggar, he found his wife Penelope beset by suitors whom she had been putting off from day to day, and taking his own mighty bow from the wall he rid the place of these parasites, enjoying a rapturous reunion with his wife and son.

Ulysses stands, and will always stand, as the supreme symbolic figure of the wanderer upon the surface of the earth.

**ALLEGED RANSOM
NEGOTIATION.****SEQUEL TO THE PIRACY OF
THE DELI MARU.****FATE OF KIDNAPPED.**

As a sequel to the piracy on the Japanese steamer, *Dei Maru*, two men were charged at the Criminal Sessions this morning, in connexion with the negotiations for the ransom of a Chinese who was kidnapped by the pirates.

Lo Ming, alias Lo Ying-ping, and Chan Chong-nam were charged with conspiracy to detain a person against his will with intent to procure a ransom for his liberation and also with conspiracy to demand and procure \$11,600. The first prisoner was charged with threatening injury to a third person with intent to cause the person so threatened to do an act which he was not legally bound to do.

The charges concerned the capture of Hoi Hau-yuk who was amongst the four people kidnapped by the pirate gang.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy. Prisoners were defended by Mr. Leo D'Almada junior, instructed by Mr. A. Covey.

Mr. Fitzroy detailed the events of the piracy on the *Dei Maru*, and said that of the four men captured, two managed to escape some time in January.

Shortly after the piracy, according to the case for the Crown, attempts were made by the people into whose hands the men had fallen, to procure a ransom.

Shanghai Negotiators.

Two men came from Shanghai to Hongkong in connexion with the negotiations and they stayed at the Great Eastern Hotel. They were told that representatives of the people who were holding the men would get into touch with them there. Eventually they were visited by the first prisoner. The first thing he asked was whether they had come to deal with the proposed ransom.

Mr. Fitzroy outlined the negotiations which followed and said that eventually it was agreed that the ransom should be fixed at \$11,600. The money was paid to the first prisoner on the afternoon of January 13. The money was secured from a bank and the numbers were known.

On the same day, the first prisoner went to Kowloon, visiting a house in Reclamation Street. He returned across the harbour with another man and something passed between them. The first man was arrested soon afterwards and a sum of about \$6,000 was found in his possession. The second prisoner was also arrested and he had on him \$1,800, the notes corresponding to those which had been obtained from the bank.

The case is proceeding.

**MR. PEPPYS IN
HONGKONG.**

This day I take a wherry by Queen's Pier and so to Kowloon. But Lord! how long it do take to attract their attention and then they very slow to come alongside. And I rebuke the man sharply. When in Kowloon, I do marvel at the approach to the wharves whence the ferry doth run and the private wharries, and to think so fair a town have so foul an ingetting. Yet it is hard to see what can be done for the better ordering unless they dig down and make the stages go around beneath the ground, as lately they do at Piccadilly. Of which, I speak to Mr. Robert MacWhirter who taketh infinite pains upon the welfare of Kowloon. But he tell me that the costs be prohibitive, and moreover I fear it is over near the sea, which by seepage might wash the place away. But I doubt something will be done soon. Thence to the Peninsula where Mr. Prockers mightily snarpe at me for my telling of lazybones at Kowloon. For, he doth aver, it is not the time of the salutation but rather the reverberation thereof that do irke them, so that to sit in the Cafeteria is painful when the guns be fired. I did suggest I might judge thereof at luncheon, but he take not the hint. So to Hung Hom, and glad to see everywhere the posters of my play. But Lord! in what strange places do they put some. Thence to a fair lawn with a building of wood thereby where I meet many jolly rogues who do ply me with strong waters and one Mr. Robinson give me of letices a few head, mighty fine and such as may safely be consumed. But such a talk of whether they shall build a new pavilion, for or against, that I am fain to go home by coach and ferry. My wife, poor wretch, vexed at my stopping so late, but I do stop her mouth with the letices which she do relish mightily. And so to bed.

**ANOTHER WORLD
CRUISE.****RESOLUTE DUE IN COLONY
NEXT WEEK.****INTERESTING FACTS.**

The s.s. *Resolute*, the luxurious cruising steamer of the Hamburg-American Line, is expected in Hongkong on March 26. This will be the seventh time that the *Resolute* has circled the globe and her arrival is looked forward to with great interest. She is bringing a shipload of prominent Americans and Europeans.

From the time the *Resolute* left New York on January 6, until she returns there on May 27th, the cruise passengers will have covered a distance of more than 38,000 miles on land and sea during the 140 days they are en route. They will have visited 33 countries each affording strange, fascinating and pleasurable contrasts.

Interesting Sights.

The comprehensive itinerary affords the globe-trotters an opportunity to view the most interesting sights in the countries visited, and, in addition, a programme of optional side trips has been arranged by the Hamburg-American Line for those desiring to visit Tut-Ankh-Amen, Darjeeling and the Himalayas, Bangkok, Angkor Wat, Djokjakarta, Boro Boedoe and the Island of Bali, and Canton, which may not appeal to all the passengers but which will be greatly appreciated and enjoyed by those who participate.

The *Resolute*, a 20,000 tons, triple screw oil-burner, is 620 feet long and 72 feet broad. She was especially constructed for cruising service, and her spaciousness and comfortable luxuriousness provide ideal facilities for a long voyage in the tropics.

Architecturally, and from the standpoint of decoration and furnishings, the public rooms are masterpieces, especially the beautiful Winter Garden, Ballroom, which, because of its attractiveness, spaciousness and cheerful atmosphere, is the centre of the ship's social life. The Ladies' Parlor and Smoking Room, provide quiet and pleasant rendezvous at all times for the travellers.

In the gymnasium and swimming pool, as well as on the specially-designed sport deck, all manner of recreation can be enjoyed at the passenger's leisure.

Well-known Captain.

The commander of the s.s. *Resolute*, Captain Fritz Kruse is well-known in ports along the route of the cruise. This happy man, with his jovial disposition, is known as the "Cruising Captain" of the Hamburg-American Line's fleet and it seems that he was appropriately named, for his name, as generally used, sounds like "cruiser". And too, Captain Kruse is a real "Cruising Captain." This is his fourth time around the world as commander of the palatial *Resolute*, the "Queen of Cruising Ships." Before that time he made several trips around the world on other vessels of the Hamburg-American Line. He was Executive Officer on the s.s. *Cleveland* when the Line inaugurated the pleasure cruise around the world in 1909. He also made the circuit of the globe in a sailing vessel years ago.

Captain Fritz Kruse was born in Stettin, Germany on June 4th, 1874. He went to sea at the age of 16 and for many years sailed the seas to North and South America, the East Indies and Australia. He joined the Hamburg-American Line in 1899 as Fourth Officer on the *Graf Waldersee*, and in March 1901 he received his Master's papers. After that, until he took over the *Resolute* during the latter part of 1926, Captain Kruse was in command of Hamburg-American Line ships in the Company's different services. His popularity among travellers is attributed to his many favourable characteristics. He is capable as a navigator, experienced as a cruise and travel expert, efficient as Master of his ship and crew, and genial as a host.

Order of Globe Girdlers.

Last year when the *Resolute* made the cruise around the world she sailed into the different ports along the route flying a strange, new flag, a banner of bright green with an outline of a globe in the centre, and large black letters "O.G.G." occupying three of the corners.

Naturally considerable interest was aroused. However the curious were informed by the commander of the vessel whom they questioned, that the flag was the emblem of the Order of Globe Girdlers, an organization founded by members of *Resolute* world cruises in past years. The

**POULTRY CRUELTY TENANCY QUESTION
DECISION.****CUSTOM WHICH CANNOT BE
PERMITTED.****SUSPENDED BY LEGS.**

An interesting point as to what constitutes cruelty to chickens when being weighed was decided by Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning when three stall-holders of the Mongkok Market were charged.

Two of the defendants were represented by Mr. J. M. Remedios and their cases were heard first.

In one instance it was given in evidence that the defendant had tied the wings and legs of a chicken, using the string attached to the wings to suspend it on the scales. It was handed in this manner to the customer.

The defence admitted that the chicken had had its wings and legs tied, but argued that the wings were tied at the request of the customer and therefore the defendant was not responsible.

In the second case, the evidence showed that a goose had been tied by its legs and then weighed, but it transpired that the man who appeared in Court was not the person arrested.

Addressing his Worship on his two cases, Mr. Remedios intimated that the manner of weighing, as disclosed by the evidence, had been usual in Hongkong from time immemorial and unless a definite manner was laid down by someone in authority, the stall-holders could not be accused of causing cruelty.

Inspector Fowler, of the S.P.C.A., intimated that the best method of weighing was to place the chickens in a basket with their legs tied to prevent them from escaping. The Society did not see any cruelty in that method, as it was only temporary, although there would be a certain amount of distress.

His Worship said that in the first case he had no difficulty in deciding against the defendant. He held that it was cruelty to have tied the wings, as this was not necessary. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

With regard to the second case, his Worship said that as the man who was arrested was not in Court, he had no alternative but to treat his bail of \$20, but he might say that, had the man appeared, he would have discharged him.

His Worship intimated that it was not cruelty to tie the legs of a chicken when weighing it. It was cruelty, however, if the seller, after weighing the chicken, handed it over to the customer suspended by the legs.

The third case was similar to the second except that the defendant had had three chickens tied together. His Worship discharged the man but warned him against weighing the chickens more than one at a time.

Resolute again flies the O.G.G. flag on her 1930 World Cruise.

A similar social organization known as the Order of Pleasure Pirates was originated on *Reliance* cruises to the West Indies and this year, when the *Resolute* made a special Christmas cruise to that region, before sailing on the world cruise, members of the party were granted the privilege of joining the association so popular on her sister ships because of the good fun and good fellowship resulting from its activities. On *Reliance* cruises to the Northern Wonderlands the Order of Midnight Sons prevails.



RELAXATION!

**WOMAN SENTENCED IN COURT
THIS MORNING.****OPIUM POSSESSION.**

Expressing himself satisfied that she was the principal tenant of the house, in spite of her denial, Mr. Lindsell fined a woman \$25,000 or 12 months' imprisonment, for being in possession of 410 taels of prepared opium, at No. 65, Pokfulam Road, at the Central Magistracy this morning.

At the first hearing on Monday, R. O. Grimmett gave evidence of a raid carried out at the house the previous day, when the opium was discovered hidden in a recess, which had been specially constructed in one of the window frames. He also stated that the defendant then admitted that she was the principal tenant.

In court, however, the woman denied this, and the Magistrate adjourned the proceedings until this morning, in an endeavour to obtain from the landlord evidence as to who the principal tenant was.

The rent-collector appeared, but could throw very little light on the matter. He said the ground floor was originally rented by a man, but he nearly always collected the rent from a woman. He could not recognise the woman.

Mr. Horace Lo, who appeared for the defendant, submitted that to evidence corroborated to a certain degree the statement by the defendant, who alleged that a man named Chun Kum was the principal tenant.

Mr. Lindsell said he did not think the evidence of the rent collector helped either way, and he certainly could not consider his evidence as conclusive in the woman's favour. She was, perhaps, only the nominal principal tenant, but she might be the principal tenant's wife.

The defendant, on oath, said she occupied the verandah of No. 65, Pokfulam Road. She denied that she was the principal tenant, or that she was in any related to the principal tenant. The opium found on the premises was not hers. She paid \$3 per month for her room.

Mr. Lindsell said he could not consider that she had shaken the evidence of Mr. Grimmett.

Mr. Lo asserted that the onus of proving who was the principal tenant was on the prosecution. Mr. Lindsell pointed out that the woman had admitted it. In addition to the statement she made to Mr. Grimmett on the day of the raid, she had very nearly admitted it in the witness box.

Mr. Lo maintained that it was for the prosecution to prove the principal tenant, and said it had to be remembered that the defendant had only been in the room for a month, whereas the principal tenant took the floor some time ago.

Mr. Lindsell said he found the case fully proved on the defendant's own admission, and imposed the sentence already mentioned.

Two Chinese were also charged with the possession of 245 taels of opium, valued at near \$3,000. The stuff was contained in one-tael tins, being seized by Revenue Officers, it is reported, after an attempt was made to dump it into the harbour.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defence and the case was adjourned until Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock.

TO-DAY'S WANTS.

25 WORDS \$1.00,
(\$1.50 if Not Prepaid.)
The following replies have been received:—
544, 545, 547, 550; 556, 566, 593,
595, 598, 618, 634, 639, 643, 644,
645, 647, 648, 649.

POSITIONS VACANT.

WANTED.—English Nurse for Amoy, for boy aged 3, good disciplinarian: "Salary 46 sterling monthly, home and social life, own sitting and bedrooms, passage paid to England 1931. Interview by appointment. Write Box No. 650, "Hongkong Telegraph."

PERSONAL.

ENGLISH BUSINESS MAN would like to become paying guest Peak or Mid-levels. Write Box No. 647, "Hongkong Telegraph."

WANTED.

MATSHED WANTED.—At Repulse Bay for the coming season. Please write Box No. 646, "Hongkong Telegraph."

BABY CAR WANTED.—Austin Seven or Morris Minor saloon, second-hand but must be in good condition. Write offers to Box No. 645, Hongkong Telegraph.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Four new evening Gowns, three at \$20.00 each, one at \$45.00. Write to Box No. 631, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

FOR SALE.—Furniture and Fixtures of beautifully appointed Flat. Good locality Kowloon. Contents and Flat available towards end of April. Write Box No. 649, "Hongkong Telegraph."

FOR SALE.—Electric Psycho-phone (just unpacked) for waking up the subconscious mind. Cost \$200. Sale price \$100. 1 complete set (10 volumes) of I.C.S. analytic and industrial chemistry course. Sale price \$50. 1 set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, leather bound, latest edition, entirely new. Sale price with book case \$250.00. Write Box No. 642, "Hongkong Telegraph."

PREMISES TO LET.

TO LET.—Office Rooms, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building. Apply to Sang Kee, same Building.

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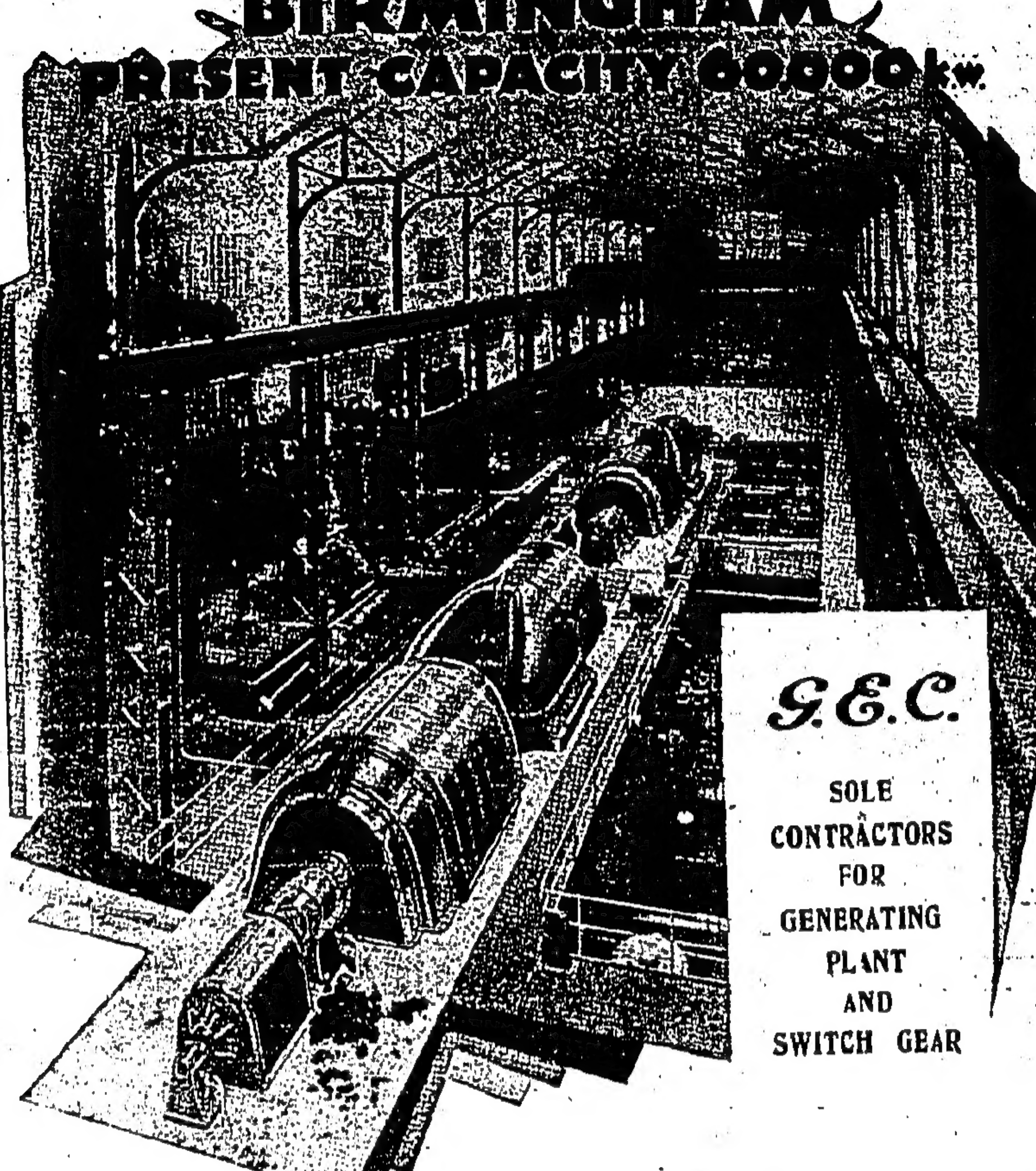
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SHAMEEN FOOTBALL.

MOORHEN SUCCESS IN SHIELD SEMI-FINAL.

Shameen, Mar. 18.
An excellent match was witnessed here yesterday afternoon when H.M.S. Moorhen defeated H.M.S. Cicala by two goals to one in the semi-final of the Watson Shield. The Moorhen had previously defeated the Moth by one goal to nil in the first round.

In yesterday's match the Moorhen played an excellent game all round and their well-deserved victory came as a surprise to all, the Cicala having been looked upon as the stronger of the two teams. Lee-Marson, the Moorhen centre-half, played an outstandingly fine game throughout. Joel, at centre-forward, scored the first goal for the Moorhen, about a quarter of an hour after the start, the Cicala equalising about three minutes later. The rest of the first half was very evenly contested, with the Moorhen having, if anything, slightly the better of the game.

About ten minutes after resuming, Darroch netted a beautiful shot from outside left. With the score against them the Cicala did their utmost to get level, but despite their vigorous and continuous attacks they were unable to get through the excellent Moorhen defence, the whistle blowing with the score at 2-1 in favour of H.M.S. Moorhen. The teams were:

H. M. S. Moorhen.—Thompson; Barry, Welch; Bates, Lee-Marson, Munro; Wood, Ah Wing, Joel, Evans and Darroch.

H.M.S. Cicala.—Gurlick; Glynn, Lieut. Cmdr. Stevens; Rees, McKesick, Surg. Lt. Bolton, Riddle and Pinder.

LADIES GOLF.

RAILWAY, TAGGART AND CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The following are the results of competitions arranged by the ladies section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club:

The Railway Cup has been won by Mrs. Sheldon, who beat Mrs. Ferguson in the final by 2 and 1.

The Taggart Cup goes to Mrs. Lissaman. In the final she beat Mrs. Ireland 2 and 1.

The Captain's Cup (1929, presented by Mrs. Ferguson), has been won by Mrs. Sheldon. In the final she met Mrs. Whyte-Smith and won by 4 and 2.

The final of the Championship between Mrs. D. C. Lambert and Mrs. Whyte-Smith will be played on Sunday next.

On Monday, March 24, there will be a medal competition on both courses at Fanling for the Subscribers' Prize. All cards are to be returned by 3.30. A photograph will be taken at 3.45, and Mrs. Southorn has kindly consented to present the prizes at 4.

AUSTRALIAN PONIES.

BATCH FOR NEXT RACE MEETING.

In a circular sent to members of the Hongkong Jockey Club it is stated that the Stewards have decided (provided sufficient support is forthcoming) to import an experimental batch of ponies from Australia to race at the next annual race meeting in Hongkong. It is understood that these ponies will be within the present height limit of the Club, viz. 13.3 hds.

The price quoted is \$55 to \$60 per head landed in Hongkong. It is proposed to limit the batch to twenty to be drawn for on arrival. The ponies will form a separate class of subscription griffin and special races will be allotted to them at the race meetings.

LOCAL CRICKET.

POLICE TEAM AGAINST THE I.R.C.

The following have been chosen to represent the Police 1st XI in their League match against the I.R.C. on the latter's ground at Sookunpo on Saturday, starting at 2 p.m. sharp:—T. H. King, (Capt.), W. le Bart, Sparrow, Thompson, Reynolds, Alexander, Meadows, Sherry, Wynne, Hunter, Post, and B. G. Baker. Reserves:—Kirby and A. V. Baker. Umpire, G. Gargreaves. Scorer, S. Smith.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The following will represent Club de Releio in a hockey match against the Y.M.C.A. tomorrow at 5 p.m. sharp, on King's Park ground:—H. Barros, H. J. Noronha, R. Silva, Netto, H. A. Noronha, F. Barros, F. V. Ribeiro, J. A. de V. Soares, A. A. Remedios, A. M. Xavier, C. d'Almada e Castro and A. P. Eca da Silva.

GARRISON NEWS.

AN INTER-SERVICES SHOOTING MATCH.

A team, composed almost exclusively of soldiers, from the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., Hongkong, met a team from H.M.S. Seraph at the Miniature Range, Victoria Barracks, on Monday. At 500 yards and 300 yards (at the latter of which sniping shooting was the order) ten shots, with two slingers, were fired. The Y.M.C.A. team won by 55 points. Full scores were:

Y.M.C.A. Team.	800 yds.	500 yds.
L/Cpl. Day	18	36
Pte. Matthews	22	20
Pte. Clarke	25	21
Pte. Graham	30	40
Pte. O'Reilly	32	34
Cpl. Ackerman	20	32
Cpl. Dixon	23	23
Pte. McDonald	182	232

Combined total 414

Seraph.	800 yds.	500 yds.
Sqn. Baker	21	20
Sqn. Thomas	28	21
Sqn. Godsell	33	8
Sqn. Johnson	30	31
Sqn. Watkinson	31	13
Sqn. Cook	23	24
Sqn. Sherman	14	32
Sqn. Basketer	24	155

Combined total 359

The P.O.s. of H.M.S. Kent were not long in revenging their defeat at the E.R.A.s. of H.M.S. Suffolk at the Miniature Range. Six games of 150 up each were played, Kent winning four and having the advantage of 36 points. At one stage it seemed that the Suffolk would run out winners, but Malley, for the Kent, turned a deficit of 19 points into a lead of 22. Robinson, for the Kent, got away at the start of the last game, and was leading by 35 at one time.

His opponent played steadily, got nearer when the 100 mark was passed, and eventually within eleven, the score being called 132-121 in favour of Robinson. Faded got to within six of Robinson before the latter ran out.

Score:	Suffolk.	Kent.
Rest.	148	148
Ellison	150	150
Andrews	150	150
Finn	150	150
Robinson	150	150
	758	758

Ellison, who defeated Broadhead, found his best form, and put up four breaks of more than twenty, whilst Beesley took the Suffolk ahead with a nice run of 23.

The Seamen of H.M.S. Kent played the R.A.S.C. at the Soldiers' Club on Monday night, the soldiers winning by 80 points in a match of eight games. Scores:

R.A.S.C.	Kent
L/Cpl. Burke	81
Pte. Moran	100
L/Cpl. Chambers	100
Pte. Fennell	76
L/Cpl. Bowen	100
Pte. Brennan	33
Pte. Slack	50
Pte. Cole	50
	550

Owing to the lateness of the hour, the last three games had to be only 50 up.

R.A.S.C. v Scouts at Cricket.

At Sookunpo on Sunday afternoon, the R.A.S.C. defeated the Hongkong Scouts by 30 runs. The soldiers batted first, the top scorer being Andrews with 22. Richardson, for the Scouts bowled well, taking 7 wickets for 47 runs. The Scouts' batting was very uneven, Zimern, with 28, and Richardson and Christian, with 15 and 14 respectively, accounting for all the runs made from the bat. Simpson had the good average of 7 wickets for 24, and Fry had three wickets at a cost of 32 runs.

CINEMA NOTES.

GLORIA-SWANSON IN "THE TRESPASSER".

In a dramatically forceful story and in a role that once again enables her to wear the beautiful clothes for which she has become famous on the screen, Gloria Swanson makes her debut in talking and singing films at the Queen's Theatre to-day when "The Trespasser," her first all-dialogue United Artists picture, written and directed by Edmund Goulding will be seen.

While the star's gorgeous wardrobe recalls the days of her first cinema triumphs, it is a new Gloria Swanson that the talking screen reveals in the United Artists picture. The rich tonal qualities of Miss Swanson's voice give fitting oral expression to her abilities as a dramatic actress.

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A capable cast, all of whom are at home in speaking before the microphone, surrounds Miss Swanson in "The Trespasser." Robert Ames, accomplished actor of stage and screen, is the leading man. Others in support number Purnell Pratt, Henry B. Walthall,

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Shai Explorations, Tls. 1.30 n.
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Tronoh, 21/- n.

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Whampoa Docks, \$33 b.
China Providents \$5. b.
Hongkows, Tls 216 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 7.80 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 123 s.

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Orientals, Tls. 2.30 b.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 8½ (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.

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Realities, \$8.30 s.

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Peak Trams, (old) \$11.75 n.
Star Ferries, \$67 n.
China Lights, (Old) \$20½ b.

H. K. Electric, \$65½ s.
Macao Electric, \$23 b.
Telephones \$11. b.
China Buses, Tls. 18.50 b.

Singapore Tractions, 10/- s.
Industrials.
China Sugars, 8½ cts. b.

Malabons, \$27 n.
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Canton Ice, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$14.85 s.

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Stores, etc.

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Lane Crawford, \$22 s.

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Miscellaneous.

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FIRE INQUIRY.

THREE LIVES LOST AT KENNEDY TOWN.

The fatal fire which caused the loss of three lives at Kennedy Town last week, was the subject of a Coroner's enquiry held by Mr. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy, yesterday afternoon.

The following jury were empanelled: Messrs. Willy Saenger (foreman), Ivan Molteberg and Chan Kwan-yuen.

At the outset, the Coroner explained that the object of the enquiry was to investigate the circumstances of the death of a Chinese woman named Ng Chan, who together with her two children, a boy 2 years of age and a girl 12 years of age, lost her life as the result of a fire at No. 12, Smithfield on the 12th instant. The evidence would make it quite clear that this woman and her younger son jumped from the back window of an upper floor, and it would be within the province of the jury to determine if any person was criminally responsible for their deaths. "I will explain in due course," continued the Coroner, "how such criminal responsibility may herein arise, or whether any such person is worthy of censure in connexion with the sad circumstances. In any case, you may make such recommendations as may seem to be due in connexion with the building in which this disastrous fire occurred."

Dr. A. Cannon, Medical Officer in charge of Victoria Mortuary, described the injuries he found on the bodies at a post-mortem examination, and said that the injuries were consistent with the deceased having jumped or fallen from a height.

How the Fire Occurred.

A coolie employed at the Tai Lee joss-shop, which occupied the ground floor where the fire originated, said that on the previous night they were making wax candles, for which purpose a chetty was used, a pan containing the substance being heated over a charcoal fire. The shop put up its shutters at 10 p.m. and before retiring for the night, the fire was drawn, leaving a few embers. They could not have fallen out during the night, as there was a shield arrangement over the chetty, and he could only suppose that the pan—it was an old one—had been leaking during the night and the wax had caught fire.

He had gone to bed, in the shop, when at 1 a.m. or so he was aroused by the heat, and discovered the rear part of the premises furiously burning, around the spot where the chetty was.

He escaped with the other folks into the street, and could say that the staircase became alight within ten or fifteen minutes of the outbreak.

Proprietor's Escape.

Li Kong, the proprietor of the joss-shop, who lived in the back part of the premises, being separated by an airshaft from the front part, related how he escaped with his family through a back door which gave out on to a narrow scavenging lane.

Interrogated with regard to possible causes of the outbreak, he said that his firm manufactured quite a lot of wax candles. Work was suspended at 10 p.m. when the usual precaution was followed of

snuffing out the fire in the chetty by spreading a layer of ashes over it.

He could only suppose that the fire was communicated from the chetty, charcoal having the knack of exploding and sending out sparks.

His business had shown a profit every year since started, including last year. The stock in trade usually carried was worth \$2,500. This was fully covered by insurance, together with the furniture and fittings. The Insurance Company he added, had agreed to pay the full sum except for a deduction of \$100 on account of depreciation of furniture.

Chan Kam-kuk, wife of a labourer, who lived on the second floor, gave detailed testimony regarding the lay-out of the building. She said that the building was divided into two parts by an airshaft, bridged over by a passage which connected the two portions.

She was principal tenant of the rear part, which was again divided into four small cubicles, with as many bed-spaces in the passage outside these rooms. Ng Chan, the deceased woman, occupied the rear-most bed space, with her two sons, aged 6 and 2 respectively.

She herself, slept on a bed placed in the verandah overlooking the airshaft. On the night in question, she had got up to feed her baby son, when a blast blown on a police whistle made her promptly get out of bed. She had been nervous ever since a recent fire which broke out next door. She saw flames shooting through the back window of the shop into the airshaft.

Escape Down Staircase.

Witness went on to say that when she and her family were escaping down the staircase, she saw Ng Chan in the act of strapping her child to her back and had advised her not to wait until she had done so. She did not see the deceased after that.

Some eight or ten persons had escaped into the street down the one staircase serving the building, before it became alight.

Questioned with regard to the movements of the inmates of the other cubicles, witness said that the 12-year-old girl who was subsequently found lying in the backyard, apparently after having jumped from the floor, was living in the front cubicle with her parents. "She attempted to escape with her father, down the stairs," she said, "but she was too slow. The father ran down the stairs, leaving the child behind, and she jumped out of the window."

Witness also said that Ah Mui, the other 12-year-old girl who was killed, lived in the third cubicle.

Street Coolie's Evidence.

Tse Shu stated that with his wife and family of three children, he lived in the front cubicle in that part of the floor of which the previous witness was the principal tenant. He was a street coolie.

The Coroner: A street coolie staying in a cubicle? That is unusual.

Witness said that after discovering the fire, he collected his family and went with them down the staircase. He carried his son while his wife carried their younger daughter. Their 12-year-old daughter was told to follow them, but as they reached the first floor landing, fire broke through the partition and she could not be induced to go past. On the contrary, she ran back up the stairs, and that was the last seen of her until she

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Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark, Prince Knud and Prince and Princess Axel arrived at Yokohama this morning on board the m.v. Fionia.

After a formal welcome, they proceeded in a special train to Tokyo where Baron Shidehara and other distinguished officials greeted them at the station in the name of the Emperor.

During their stay in Tokyo the Royal party will reside at the Kasumigaseki Palace and will carry out a busy programme of social entertainments, beginning this afternoon with a visit to the Emperor and Empress.—Reuter.

had gone into Hospital.

The girl, recovering from her injuries, and it was stated by Inspector Floor, that she would be out again in a week's time, to make a statement on the subject.

Li Seen, a coolie employed at a charcoal shop at Eastern Street, whose wife and younger son were killed in the tragedy, said he slept away from home that night. Being informed of their deaths, he later identified their bodies in the Mortuary.

At this point, the enquiry was adjourned for a week, when it is indicated two other witnesses will speak of having actually observed the fatal jump from the building, these being Police Sergeant Wynne and the girl Tse Tsoi-shum, who is now in Hospital.

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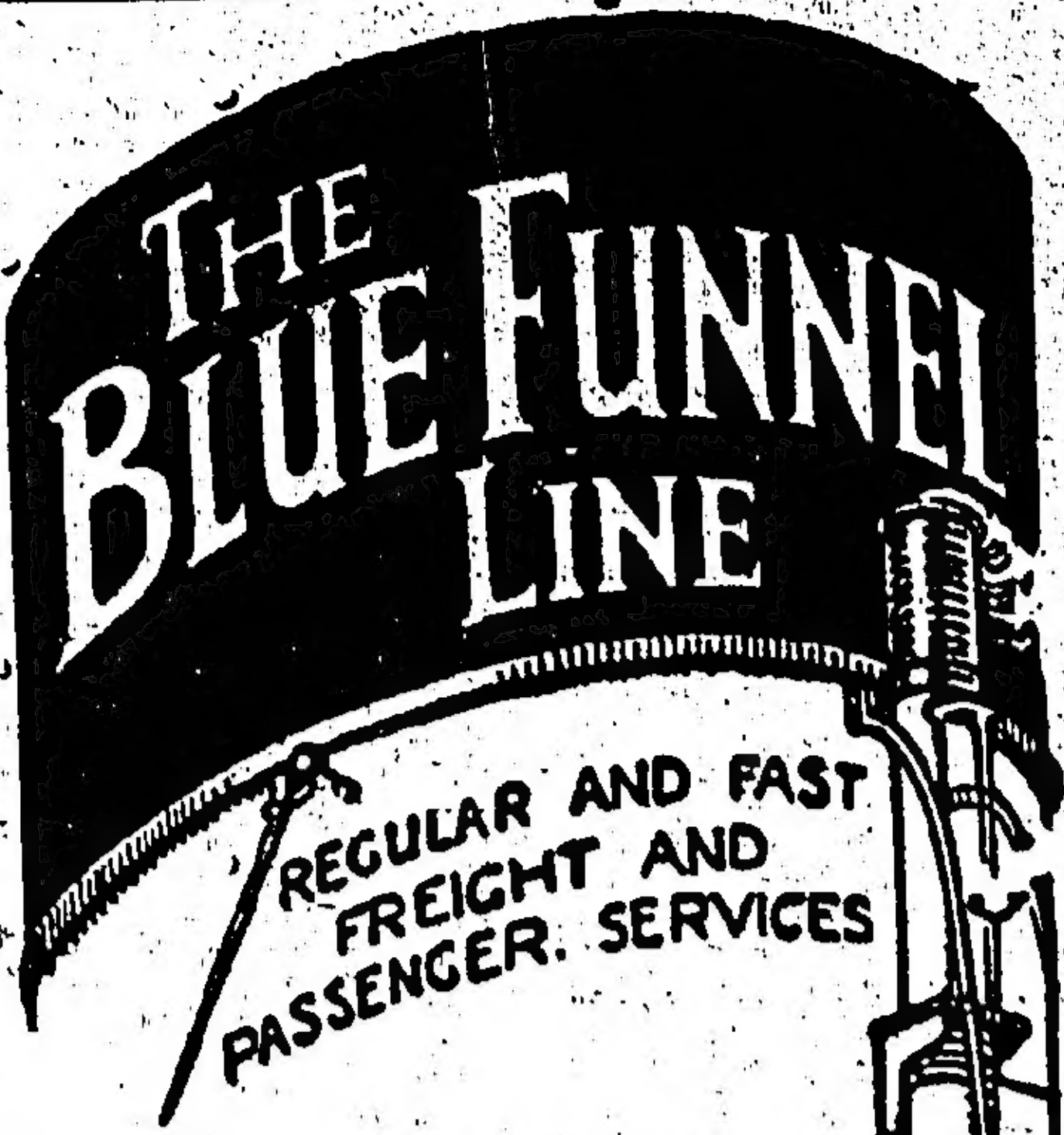
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BUDDHIST PRIEST MURDERED.

INFORMER HELD ON THE CAPITAL CHARGE.

At the commencement of the trial, before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, of four men charged with murdering an elderly Buddhist priest of Kowloon City, it was disclosed that one of the men in the dock was originally a Police informer, who had been responsible for the arrests of the other three men.

Mr. L. R. Andrews (Assistant Crown Solicitor) conducted the case for the prosecution, the defendants not being represented.

Detailing the facts of the case to his Worship Mr. Andrews said that evidence would show that the deceased, Cheung Hung-chun, was murdered on February 13 shortly after 3 p.m. at his residence at 3, Shao Road, Kowloon City. The deceased was about 61 years of age and was a kind of Buddhist priest. In the front room of the house he had a small shrine, a photograph of which was produced. He was in the habit of conducting Buddhist ceremonies in the room and received people of the Buddhist faith in the premises, charging them a small fee in return for his ceremonial services.

The only other occupant of the house, continued Mr. Andrews, was a fourteen years old girl who was his servant. She would say that about 2.15 p.m. on February 13 she heard a knock at the front door. Her master bade her open it and three men then appeared. They greeted the master cordially and told him that they had come for the purpose of obtaining his services for a Buddhist ceremony. They were then conducted to the front room and the servant girl served them tea.

The Priest Attacked.

The master of the house, the deceased, after speaking with the men for some time went into his cubicle to put on his ceremonial ring and then returned. The little girl in the kitchen heard a disturbance in the front room and saw the three men attack the deceased. One of the three men then saw the girl and told her to go into a cubicle. She was there gagged and her hands were bound with wire.

The deceased was also gagged, and medical evidence would show that his death was due to suffocation owing to the gag being pushed too far down his throat. The motive of the crime was robbery. While the little girl was in her cubicle, tied and gagged, she heard the three men go into the rear cubicle and open some drawers. They apparently ransacked the drawers and after a time departed. The little girl was able to free herself from the wire and she then made her way to the Police Station where she reported the matter to the Police.

The Police made enquiries and from information which they received from informers they made the arrests of the four defendants. Mr. Andrews said that he thought the evidence against two of the men was not very

CHILDREN IN THE TROPICS.

MRS. DOVEY GIVES USEFUL HINTS.

Many useful hints and new ideas were expressed in a lecture given by Mrs. (Dr.) Dovey to a large audience at the Helena May Institute last evening, when she dealt with the care of children in the tropics.

Mrs. Dovey made special reference to how children, from the time of actual birth up to the "toddler" stage, should be cared for in Hongkong. One of her chief points regarding the baby was the necessity for regular and long sleep. She advocated 21 hours out of 24 up to three months, 19 hours from 3 to 6 months, 16 hours at the age of 1 year, 14 hours from 1 to 5, 12 hours from 5 to 7 years, and 10 hours up to 14 years.

Special care, she said, should be paid to foods, as the great difficulty of mothers in a place like Hongkong was to obtain vegetables and raw fruits which were uncontaminated.

She advocated strictness on the part of the mother from the earliest stage of the child's life, and maintained that the amah should be given power by the parents to correct the child, without necessarily whipping it.

Careful judgment should be used in feeding, as over feeding spoilt the digestion, but under feeding spoilt the temper.

Vitamins in Diet.

She stressed the need of giving the child foods containing vitamins A, B, C and D, which she said, could all be obtained in cabbage, liver, cereals, wheat, oats, barley, milk, meat, carrots and potatoes.

Children should not be allowed to mix with too much familiarity in the native servants' quarters.

Dealing with headwear, Mrs. Dovey denied the necessity for topies in Hongkong, but suggested a good serviceable hat, lined with green inside, to shade the eyes. Actually there was not danger of sunstroke in Hongkong, she said. The danger was of "heat and light" stroke. The danger of the first was from the heat of the sun, and the danger of light stroke was provided by the effect of ultra-violet rays reflected from the sun to the body.

She was in favour of sun-baths, she said, but the treatment must be gradual. No hot bath should be given to a child after such treatment.

Mrs. Southern presided, and in thanking Mrs. Dovey for her admirable lecture said it was full of "robust common sense."

strong but the evidence against the second and fourth defendants was very strong. The little girl identified them as two of the three men who were on the floor.

Evidence was then taken. Sub-Inspector Vincent produced copies of photographs taken of the premises while Mr. C. A. Grimes produced plans of the house and the vicinity.

The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

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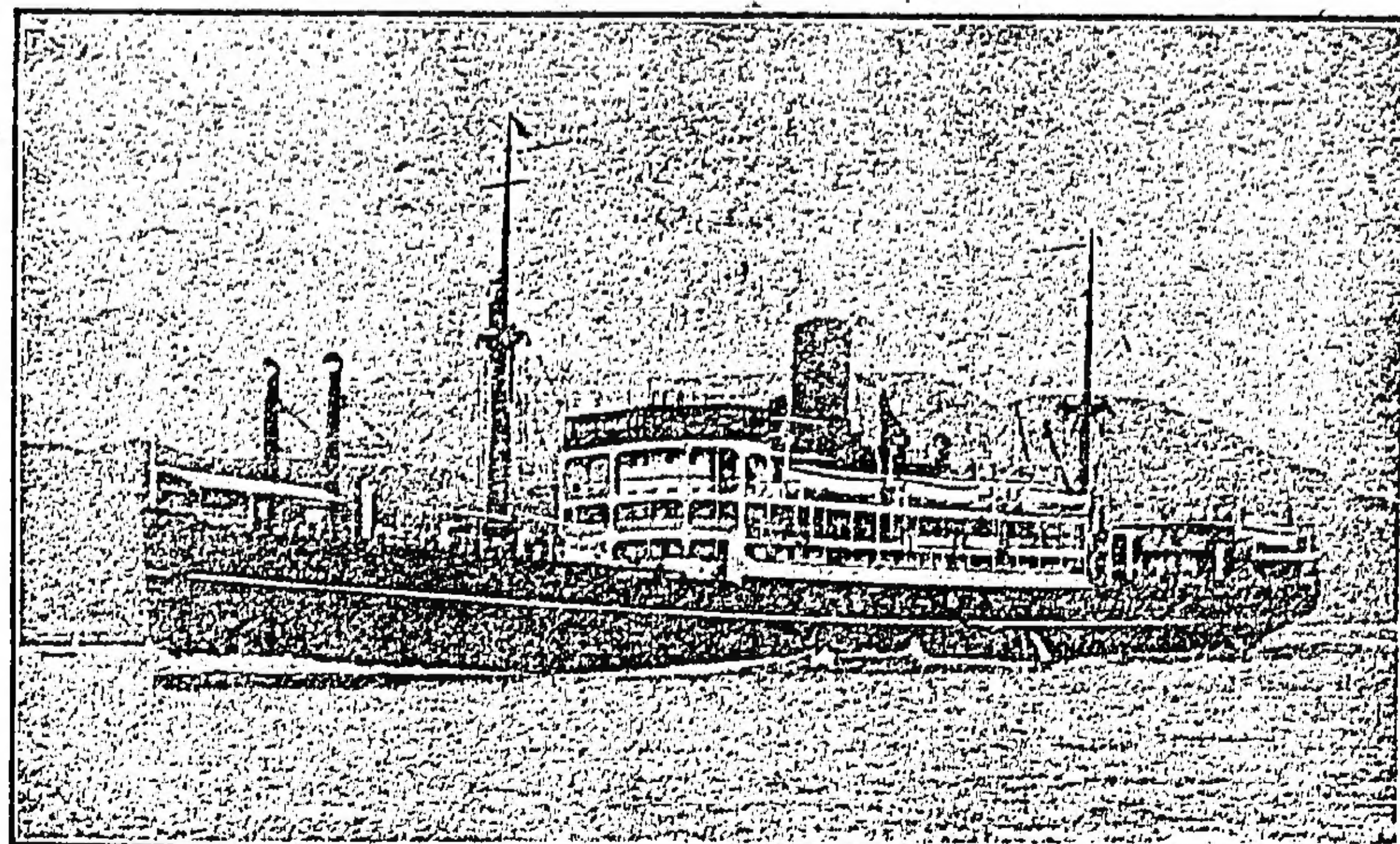
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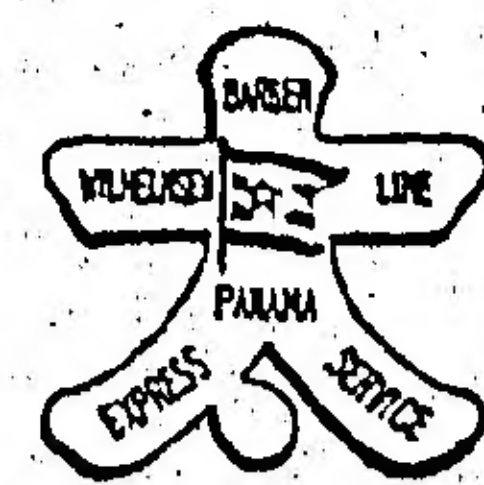


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It will be recalled that the Irene was seized by pirates and taken to Bias Bay, where the vessel was signalled to by the L.4 (in command of Lieut.-Comdr. Hallahan) to stop. As she refused to do so, warning shots were fired, and, these being of no avail, the Irene was subsequently sunk by the submarine's gunfire.

The L.4 and another submarine did splendid rescue work, and a number of pirates were captured and after due trial sentenced to death.

Subsequently, the owners of the Irene brought an action against Lieut.-Comdr. Hallahan for sinking of the ship, but this failed, on the ground that he was acting under Admiralty orders.

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of us were on board. We all stood on one side of the boat. There was a list. The girl overbalanced herself. We did not push her overboard.

Li Nam: "I did snatch. I was at the bow. The second defendant was at the stern. I was the man who removed all the bangles. I did not push the girl overboard. She overbalanced. The second defendant is the man who had his finger bitten."

Mr. Holmes added that during the hearing of the case, second accused said, "We admit going out on your sampan and snatching your bangles and tying your mouth up, but deny throwing your daughter overboard. She fell in." The third accused said, "We admit robbing of bangles and tying up but we deny throwing your daughter overboard. The boat was a very small one and she overbalanced." No. 4 said, "We robbed and tied up. The boat was so small your daughter overbalanced."

All Guilty.

Without retiring, the jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty against each man.

His Lordship said: "You have been convicted by the jury unanimously on very clear evidence. It is clear that you concocted a scheme to go on this sampan and rob these two women. I notice that the first, second and third prisoners all say that they have not been in Hongkong for long. I hope the sentence I am going to pass on you will stop bad characters from coming to Hongkong. I shall include a sentence of whipping and you thoroughly deserve that for using force against defenceless women."

His Lordship sentenced each man to be imprisoned for three years' hard labour and to receive 18 strokes with the "cat."

MANCHURIA'S AID SOUGHT.

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Peking, Mar. 19. Yen Hsi-shan's family arrived at Shihchiachuang yesterday. They are due in Peking to-day.

It is believed, however, that Yen Hsi-shan will remain at his headquarters at Taiyuanfu for the present.

The Nanking organ, *Hua Pei Jih*, Pao, was not published this morning, as it was forcibly closed yesterday.—*Reuter*.

Peking, Mar. 18. A further contribution to the issue of circular telegrams is one signed by fifty-three Kuomintang, Shansi and Kwangsi generals, headed by Lu Chung-lin, but not signed by Yen Hsi-shan or Feng Yu-hsiang.

It is noteworthy because, after reciting Chiang Kai-shek's "crimes" the telegram definitely announces an expedition against Chiang, and declares that everyone in the whole nation would be justified in trying to kill him.

Feng Yu-hsiang has moved from Tungkuang to Shenchow. His troops are reported to have occupied Loyang, while other Kuomintang forces are holding Chengchow.—*Reuter*.

BIGGEST SHIP TO COME HERE.

COLUMBUS ARRIVES IN PORT.

BRINGS OVER 450 WORLD TOURISTS.

MAGNIFICENT VESSEL.

Bringing over 450 passengers, the North German Lloyd Express steamer Columbus arrived here this morning. She has the distinction of being the largest vessel to visit Hongkong.

Under the command of Captain A. Ahrens, the Columbus is the largest, fastest and most luxurious steamer to make a world cruise. Her tonnage, 32,000 gross, exceeds by at least 5,000 tons that of any other round-the-world ship.

The Columbus is the largest vessel that has been to Hongkong. The following comparisons with the Belgeland, Franconia and Reclute are interesting:

	Gross Tonnage	Net Tonnage	Length
Columbus	32,354	16,829	749.6
Belgeland	27,132	15,352	620.4
Franconia	20,175	12,162	601.3
Reclute	19,692	9,911	590.4

Throughout the ship, the details of decorations, furnishings and appliances for individual convenience have been evolved with the care that a very rich man might exercise were he fitting up his own new house.

Wonderful Decorations.

The best of European marine architects were called on to plan the arrangement of the passengers' apartments, public and private.

Noted interior decorators and artists supplied designs for ornaments, wall coverings, tapestries, pictures and statues. From a dozen of the most prominent Continental companies came the carpets, the hangings and the furniture.

The lounge, the writing rooms, library, card rooms and the smoke-room form what is practically one great suite running aft from the main lobby.

Magnificent Public Rooms.

The soft coloured walls of the lounge, with gold framed panels, bright paintings and sculptural candelabra, form a handsome background for such agreeable social activities as afternoon tea, after-dinner coffee, dances and concerts.

Close by are the corridor writing rooms with their desks and settees, and beyond is the library, with well stocked bookcases. A few steps aft is the great smoke-room—temptingly luxurious. It is like a room out of a baroque palace. Two decks high, it is panelled and pillared in dark carved oak. Deep-toned pictures hang above the doorways, a splendid Gobelin tapestry over the fireplace, opposite which an elaborately balustraded double stairway sweeps up to two delightfully secluded little card rooms, gay with cream-coloured walls and fantastic old-rose Chinese pictures.

Like Fashionable Restaurant.

The dining room, extending the ship's full width, is, for the greater part, two decks high. Its walls, done in green, gold and white, rise to a windowed balcony, at one end of which is a musicians' gallery. It is an ideal ship's dining room, in every respect resembling a fashionable restaurant, comfortably filled with tables that seat from two to six or eight people.

Nearby are the more intimate private dining rooms, agreeably providing opportunity for small gatherings. In addition to these most important public rooms are several other smoke-rooms, lounges and assembly rooms—all decorated and furnished with the same care and ingenuity, offering a variety of pleasant places for shipboard reading hours and for playing card games.

The Columbus' world cruise is operated by the Raymond-Whitcomb Company. The local cruise agents are the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. (Travel Department), under the management of Mr. J. P. Bourne.

Company's Big Ships.

With comparatively modest means the North German Lloyd began, after the Peace Treaty, which deprived the company of almost all its fleet, the largest steamer remaining having a tonnage of 700, to rebuild its fleet. After having acquired the necessary ships for again taking up the service to the principal import and export countries, the North German Lloyd placed an order in 1925 for two giant express-liners, Bremen and Europa, to be built in the Dockyard of the Deschimag, Bremen, and Blohm and Voss, Hamburg, respectively. The Bremen, 51,656 register tons

FOR PROTECTION OF REPUBLIC.

IMPORTANT NEW GERMAN LEGISLATION.

EX-KAISER'S LIBERTY.

Berlin, Mar. 18.

Similar in certain respects to the British Defence of the Realm Act, the new Bill for the Protection of the Republic was accorded a third reading in the Reichstag to-day by a large majority, the division resulting as follows:

For the Bill 265
Against 160

The Bill contains many noteworthy features, but the most interesting matter for comment is the absence of any restriction on the movements of the ex-Kaiser, who can, therefore, return to Germany should he so desire. The old Bill, which had now passed replaced, definitely prohibited the Kaiser from entering Germany.

The main provisions of the Bill include penalties, involving penal servitude in certain instances, on persons found guilty of plotting against the lives of members or officials of the Government, or of publicly insulting the Republican flag, the President or members of the Cabinet.

Germans can be prosecuted abroad if guilty of the offences outlined.—*Reuter*.

HONGKONG FLORA.

INTERESTING BOOKLET PUBLISHED.

The recent departure of Mr. A. H. Crook, on furlough from which he may not return to Hongkong, meant a loss to the Colony of one of its few expert naturalists, who, however, worked a great deal behind the scenes, and thus perhaps deprived the general public of much of the fruits of his learning. However, within recent years Mr. Crook published a series of articles, illustrated most delightfully by himself, on the flora of the Colony, though they appeared in a somewhat restricted circulating medium, the *Yellow Dragon*, the magazine of Queen's College. It is gratifying that, prior to his departure, Mr. Crook has issued a reprint of these articles, entitled "The Flowering Plants of Hongkong," which is published at \$2.50. It deals with a comparatively restricted portion of the local botany, covering no more than the natural orders Ranunculaceae to Meliaceae, but nevertheless is a valuable contribution to our knowledge of local plants, and will prove an aid to all who desire a guide to the botany of this region which is not too scientifically phrased.

The drawings and explanations are alone sufficient to give the student a grounding in botanical lore, and should enable easy identification of a large number of specimens to be made. The only regret one feels is that, with this evidence of the learned author's abilities, it has not been possible for a comprehensive book on the Colony's plants to be published on the lines of these articles, with their excellent illustrations. The preface to the little book indicates that there is no possibility of further contributions coming from the same pen. We are thus left to the hope that other hands will continue where Mr. Crook has left off, and provide the public with a popular guide to Hongkong's flora as a whole.

So far as it goes, the present publication can be recommended, if no more than as an introduction to the study of the subject, and a means of identifying a good number of our flowering plants.

FAIR GENERALLY.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has moved eastward and is now central over Korea. Depressions are situated to the north of Japan and to the east of Formosa.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North and N.E. winds, moderate; fair generally.

gross, went in to service in July, 1929 and crossed the ocean on her maiden trip in 4 days 18 hours, thus being the fastest liner of the Atlantic and breaking the record of the Mauretania.

The Columbus, 32,500 register tons gross, was built in 1924, recently rebuilt and fitted with engines to increase her speed, and is the largest ship ever to have visited Hongkong.

Owing to the fact that the s.s. Columbus has been chartered for this world cruise by the Raymond Whitcomb Co., the Norddeutscher Lloyd (Agents: Melchers & Co.) regret to be unable to issue permits to view the ship.

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